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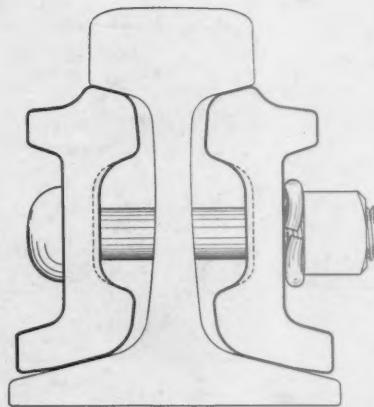
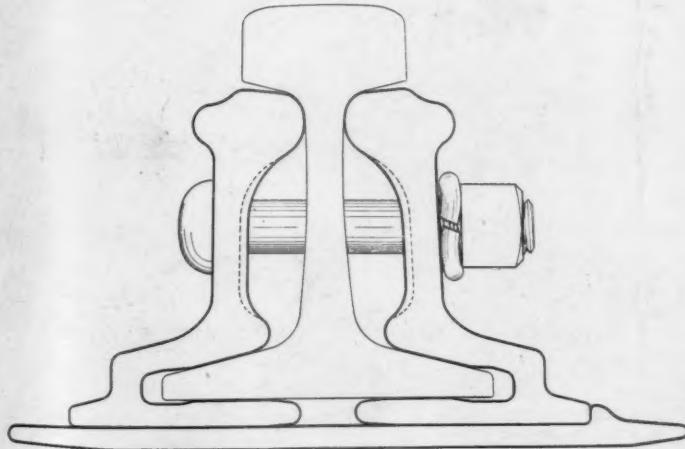
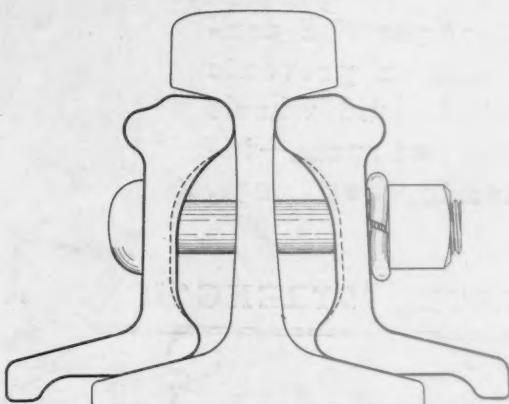
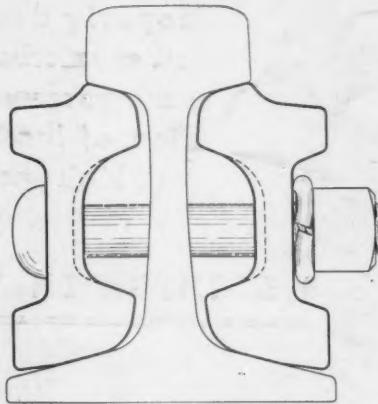
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## Government Ineptitude in Dealing with Transportation

During the past year Co-ordinator Eastman, with the aid of his staff, has offered several plans whereby—in his opinion—railroad service may be improved. These plans—among them those on the pooling of I.c.l. traffic, the pooling of freight cars and the merchandising of passenger service—are being studied by the railroads, without a final opinion on any of them as yet being agreed upon. Meantime, no little impatience is developing in some quarters at the slowness of the railroads to take action on these plans—particularly upon those which deal with the pooling of freight cars and the consolidation of I.c.l. traffic.

### Eastman's Recommendations to Congress Are Now a Year Old

Those who feel such impatience, however, should recall that Mr. Eastman has issued reports not only on matters dealing with railroad operation, but also that he reported to Congress on transportation legislation required in the public interest almost exactly a year ago. Furthermore, the enactment of his proposed bills for the regulation of highway and water carriers was unanimously urged at that time as "imperatively necessary" by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The modification of the fourth section of the Interstate Commerce Act which he recommended was agreed to by all but two members of the Interstate Commerce Commission. And yet none of these measures has yet become a law.

Extensive hearings were held on motor carrier legislation at the last session of Congress, and the question has been before that body for years. Meantime, as the result of ceaseless study and discussion for the past decade, general enlightenment on this problem is perhaps more thorough than it is on any great public question. The development of understanding of the nature of the competition in transportation has decimated the ranks of the opponents of regulation of highway carriers until those that remain are the merest handful of myopic bitter-enders. Not a single competent and social-minded student of transportation problems remains with them. The bus and truck operators themselves favor the regulation of their business, in principle at least.

If there were needed a further example of the incompetence of government to deal realistically and in-

telligently with economic problems, the lassitude of Congress and its easy unconcern about "imperatively necessary" transportation legislation would provide it. This observation implies no personal criticism of Congressmen. The members of the National Legislature are concerned mainly with being re-elected. Unless they can be shown that there are more votes involved in this question than there are in the public works appropriations or the so-called "social security" measures, then, unless they are men of an extraordinary spirit of self-sacrifice, they will naturally be concerned more with measures in which they believe votes are involved. After all, the man who wants to keep his job usually pays more attention to the wishes and whims of his boss than he does to those of any outsider, however well-informed the latter may be. And the boss of the Congressmen and Senators is the voters who go to the polls on election day.

### Union's Demand for Equal Regulation Is Lacking in Vigor

The problems of the transportation industry are involved inextricably in political action, and the political part of their solution has stagnated because the transportation industry—at least the railroad part of it—has little recognized voting strength. True, there are millions of citizens whose livelihood is dependent upon restoring order in the transportation industry. But most of them are not organized in such a way as to give voice to their desires. The largest and most powerful cohesive group among them—the railway labor organizations—which could offer voting strength of sufficient validity and strength to arouse the attention of legislators, has unfortunately chosen not to do so. The labor organizations, it is true, do favor the equalization of regulation in transportation, but it is a minor part of their legislative program. They do not demand it as if they really cared whether they got it or not. The main part of their program—the "full" crew bill, the short train bill and the six-hour day—is calculated to wreck the industry which supports them, rather than to save it.

The *Railway Age* is hopeful, despite the slow progress of the "imperatively necessary" legislation needed by the transportation industry, that some of it at least may be enacted at the present session of

Congress. If the railway labor organizations, as such, fail to profit by the opportunity afforded them to perform a job of constructive statesmanship in behalf of the transportation industry, then their members, either as individuals or through their affiliation with other organizations, can still bring the legislators to a realization that they have political power and intend to use it. Perhaps some more than ordinarily astute politicians may realize that the progressive disintegration of the forces opposed to equality of regulation in transportation evidences the development of a positive body of opinion demanding such regulation—even before it has become vocal in proportion to its numerical strength. Perhaps the Administration may feel that the time has come, at long last, to make good its promise and come to the support of this legislation with sincere vigor. At any rate, concerned as we are with the welfare of the transportation industry (and not merely the immediately selfish interest of a part of it), we hope that any or all of these developments may come to pass so that at least a beginning may be made in rationalizing and co-ordinating our national transportation system; and that every branch of it may be placed on a sound and profitable basis in the public interest.

#### **Free Competition in Transportation Inevitably Chaotic**

However that may be, the unconscionable delay and lack of realism of the government's dealing with questions of transportation policy ought to be conclusive evidence of its incompetence to deal with the industry effectively in a managerial capacity. The umpire who cannot even render reasonably prompt and intelligent decisions on disputed points is a mighty poor candidate to take the place of all eighteen players in the game. The "joint-cost" nature of transportation service makes it improbable that it can ever be conducted successfully over a very long period under free competition; some governmental intrusion is, therefore, inevitable. But the limitations of government authority should be plainly recognized; and the principal one of these is the rareness with which it is able to arrive at a reasonable decision based upon the facts and the public interest involved, rather than upon voting strength and how well it is organized.

When decisions on economic questions are made on a basis of true efficiency, the national income is increased and every member of society is to some degree enriched thereby. When such decisions are made contrary to sound economy and in the interest of votes, the national income is decreased and every member of the society which divides that income is correspondingly impoverished. An industrial system making all its decisions with its eye on the polls, and contrary to sound economy, would not produce a national income worth anybody's fighting for. And what is true of our industrial system as a whole is certainly equally true of the important part of it which the transportation industry constitutes.

The time the railroads have taken to weigh and discuss Mr. Eastman's proposals for improving the internal economy of railroad transportation need elicit no criticism, when compared to that taken by Congress to weigh and consider his recommendations about matters much better understood because of prior discussion and study. This is not by any means meant to express disagreement with the suggestions Mr. Eastman has made to the railroads, some of which, we are convinced, can be acted upon with profit all around; and all of which deserve careful and critical consideration. But we are told that government operation of the railroads is the alternative to their successful operation by private managements.

#### **Government a Chronic Dawdler**

While private management is perhaps not quite as rapid in ushering in the millennium as its critics who are not faced with its practical difficulties could desire, what are we to conclude about the efficiency of government which has had similar—but simpler—specific recommendations before it for a much longer time? The logic of the advocates of government ownership would cause them to call in a blacksmith to repair a watch if, by reason of the exacting nature of the task, the watchmaker could not finish it in a few split seconds. Which is not to say that the watchmaker should not pursue his job with the utmost diligence and skill as long as he is permitted to do so. Perhaps thereby the blacksmith may not be called in, after all.

## **Locomotives, Cars and Public Relations**

Are not many railroads, and possibly all of them in a large degree, overlooking a good bet in not taking advantage of the keen interest of a considerable and enthusiastic group of railroad "fans," and the dormant interest of a much larger number which could readily be stimulated by more showmanship on the part of the railroads in exhibiting their equipment? Some evidence of this interest is indicated by the experience of those roads which have introduced high-speed streamlined passenger trains; literally millions of people have eagerly sought the opportunity of inspecting these trains when they were placed on exhibit, or of seeing them operate as they passed through the country. One riding on trial trips of these trains cannot but be impressed by the large groups of school children, and of older folks as well, gathered at the stations or lined up on the hillsides or points of vantage. This, however, is only one of the many indications of a pronounced interest on the part of the public in the railroad equipment and its operation.

To a railroad man there is nothing very exciting or stimulating about a steel hopper car, and yet those in

charge of such a car of new design were amazed recently at the interest shown by the general public at places where it was exhibited. Thousands took advantage of the opportunity to examine several pieces of equipment recently shown by the Lackawanna at its principal stations, consisting of a new steam locomotive, a 50-ton hopper car and a rebuilt box car. The Pennsylvania had equally good results in displaying its new streamlined electric locomotive at stations between New York and Washington.

A fact that must not be overlooked, however, is that while crowds turn out to see this more or less novel equipment, much the same interest will be shown in ordinary cars and locomotives if opportunity is afforded. This was demonstrated by Superintendent of Motive Power C. M. Darden, of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, last fall, when he made an offer to have groups of school children or of such organizations as the Boy Scouts, shown through the repair shops at Nashville, Tenn., when accompanied by their teachers or leaders, appointments of course to be made in advance. Many groups have taken advantage of this offer. Think of the influence this may have upon the community, as the children carry the story of their experiences back into the home or discuss them in the school sessions. Will they not be keen to take advantage of the very first opportunity to ride on one of the trains?

Vice-President George Le Boutillier of the Pennsylvania, was concerned by the fact that great numbers of children have never had a ride on a railroad train. With the co-operation of the school authorities in one of the communities served by his road, he arranged to give the children a short ride on a train and to have them shown through one of the large stations. A similar plan on a large scale has been tried out by the railroads and the school authorities in Cincinnati. Will this not tend to cultivate a real and intelligent interest on the part of the children, and that of their parents also, in the welfare of the railroads? At the very least, will it not cause them to be more open-minded in drawing conclusions on important problems affecting the railroads?

Railroad clubs will be found in many high schools—not at all inspired by railroad men—and railroad equipment and operation seem to have a peculiar attraction for some troops of Boy Scouts. The Baltimore & Ohio recently made it possible for a Boy Scout troop to visit one of its engine terminals, to meet and talk with a real live locomotive engineer, and to climb over and examine his locomotive. What boosters they have become for the railroad, and how they treasure a photograph which was taken and which was published in one of the magazines! Unfortunately many of these clubs and organizations have difficulty in contacting with the railroads and securing permission to visit the terminals and yards and examine the equipment. Ought not the railroads to be diligently on the alert for opportunities to encourage such

groups? In the long run will it not mean much in improving relations with the public and also in securing traffic?

There is another considerable group of men who have never worked on a railroad, but who have made it a hobby to study railroad operation or equipment. Some of these collect drawings or photographs of locomotives or cars, or other equipment; others specialize on the collection of books dealing with various phases of railroad history, operation, or other matters. These men, and they will be found in the most unusual places, know and understand thoroughly the particular phases of railroad lore upon which they have specialized. Among them are professional men, business men, clerks and mechanics. Little attention has been paid to them by railroad officers. It is reported that one of these "fans" tried to buy a piece of old railroad equipment which was obsolete; an executive opposed selling it to him because he was not a railroader and ought not to be encouraged to make such a collection.

Then there is another group which has been enlarging by leaps and bounds in recent years. These are the model makers and more than anything else they seem to have concentrated their attention on locomotives. The last edition of the Locomotive Cyclopedic seemed ample for ordinary purposes, but used copies are now being sold at a premium because of the demands of the model makers. Many of these boys and men class themselves as railroaders and will fight for the railroads to the last ditch.

Cannot the railroads capitalize on these various points of interest by deliberately and actively planning to capture the attention and enthusiasm of individuals and groups by co-operating with them in their effort to learn about the details of railroad operation and the details of the equipment? In a large way this has been done on numerous occasions by unusual showmanship, such for instance as the Baltimore & Ohio centenary with its imposing "Fair of the Iron Horse" at Halethorpe, Md., or by the more recent pageant "Wings of a Century," at the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago, regarded by many as the outstanding feature of the exposition. The New York, New Haven & Hartford "Progress Special," also attracted widespread attention because of the clever way in which it illustrated the remarkable progress in the development of railroad equipment since the early days. This train, exhibited at the principal stations on that road, included an early wooden car with open platform and gas lights, with several other cars illustrating forward steps in design, culminating in one of the new streamlined passenger coaches.

Along with such examples of showmanship, however, should go a consistent effort to search out those groups interested in specific phases of railroad operation and extending to them reasonable courtesies in the knowledge that it will make them more railroad-minded and boosters for the railroads.



Millions of Dollars Have Been Spent by the Railways in Elevating Their Tracks Through Cities

## More Money for Grade Separation

**Popularity and success of program for federal financing of grade separation point to prospects for additional appropriation**

WHILE the legislative program of the seventy-fourth congress embodies a number of measures that promise to exert a profound influence on the future of rail transportation, railway engineers have a primary interest in the prospect for legislation that will foster an expanded program for the separation or protection of highway grade crossings. The administration has been reticent concerning the details of the President's vast program for public works, to be carried out under the blanket provisions of the unemployment relief bill, but grade separation has been specifically mentioned as a type of project that possesses merit and should receive prior consideration in the allocation of federal funds.

However, the prospects for federal appropriations for grade crossing elimination and protection are by no means dependent on the fate of the President's unemployment relief plan, concerning which grave doubts have been raised in recent weeks by reason of the increasing strength of insurgent groups in Congress. Even if the bill should go by default or survive in an emasculated form, there are good reasons for believing that provision will be made in some form for a sizable program of grade separation, with contingent provision for grade crossing protection as well, and under a breakdown agreed to by the President on March 5 in a conference with Senator Carter Glass, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, \$800,000,000 would be allocated to "highways and grade crossings."

### Authorized in Recovery Act

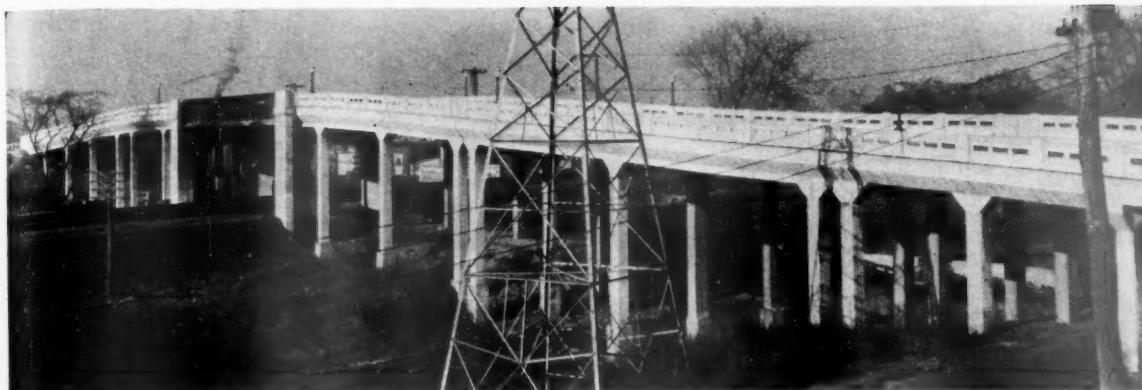
Foremost among these is the precedent established by the provisions of Title II of the National Industrial Recovery Act of June, 1933, under which expenditures for the "elimination of hazards to highway traffic" were specifically authorized from an appropriation of "not less than \$400,000,000" to be expended under the terms of the Federal Highway Act of 1921. Similar provisions were incorporated in the Hayden-Cartwright Act of

June, 1934, under which an additional \$200,000,000 was appropriated for the same purposes.

This plan for allotting federal money for grade separation has proved popular. A large number of separations and a considerable program of protection were undertaken under the terms of the earlier law, and plans have been prepared for an extension of the program under the provisions of the second law, the funds for which have just been apportioned to the states. For these reasons, it is anticipated that if the administration's bill fails, favorable action will be taken on a bill to be introduced by congressman Cartwright, following the lines of the earlier legislation, but making specific rather than incidental provision for a continued attack on the grade crossing problem.

That the results obtained along this line under the auspices of the National Recovery and Hayden-Cartwright acts have been looked on with favor by the Administration was evidenced, also, in the plan for emergency unemployment relief proposed last October, under which Thomas H. McDonald, chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, was asked to canvass the state highway commissions for lists of grade separation projects that could be started in 30, 60 and 90 days, respectively. While this project did not get beyond the speculative stage, the data made available have been of material value in studies pursuant to a continuation of this work.

Of equally favorable portent is the widespread public interest in grade separation, the expressed advocacy of it by a number of quasi-public bodies and the general spirit of co-operation that has been manifested in negotiations between railway and public highway officers, both state and federal, for the furthering of projects made possible by previous legislation, as well as for the development of preliminary plans for separations that could be carried out if additional funds were made available. It is significant also that Harold L. Ickes, public works administrator in a statement released on November 15, made specific reference to grade separation as



Continuation of the Program of Grade Separation Will Necessarily Entail the Inclusion of More Costly Projects, Like the Overcrossing Shown at the Left

one of several measures that possessed special merit as agencies for unemployment relief. The position taken by Co-ordinator Joseph B. Eastman was clearly stated in a letter to Secretary Ickes written in August, 1933, concerning the allocation of federal funds for public works in which he said:

"Money spent in elimination of the most dangerous grade crossings would be money exceedingly well spent from the standpoint of public safety.

"Grade crossing elimination has been a most painful thorn in the flesh of the railroads. The conditions which impel such elimination with continually increasing force have been created, not by the railroads, but by their competitors, the motor vehicles. From a railroad standpoint, moreover, the heavy capital expenditures involved in such elimination fall far short of paying their way.

"My belief is strong that use of the public works fund in the elimination of railroad grade crossings would be most beneficial to the railroads and to the country as a whole, having in mind not only public safety, but railroad traffic and employment and other employment as well."

This evolution in the attitude of the public regarding grade separation is a recent development. For many years the railroads fought with little success against the injustice of contractual agreements covering grade separation projects, that compelled them to assume all or nearly all of the expense involved. In fact, it was only as the streets and highways became utilities for the conduct of transportation in direct competition with the railways, that the latter began to enjoy any real success in demonstrating the injustice of requiring them to carry most of the burden of a type of improvement that was primarily of benefit to the competing carriers and the public at large.

But the idea gained ground slowly, the public manifested extreme reluctance to assume any appreciable share of the expense, and it was only because of a realization of the inability of the railroads to finance work of this kind on a scale that was demanded by the users of the highways that the states and municipalities were prevailed on to share measurably in the cost. Later, as the agitation for grade separation took the form of nation-wide campaigns, legislatures in some states were impelled to offer increasingly favorable terms as a means of enabling the railroads to participate in more projects. But even the most favorable apportionments proposed failed to meet the ends of justice because they imposed on the roads enormous outlays for improvements from which they would gain little direct benefit.

#### Supreme Court Decision

Up to the present time, this change in the status of the railroads with respect to the grade separation pro-

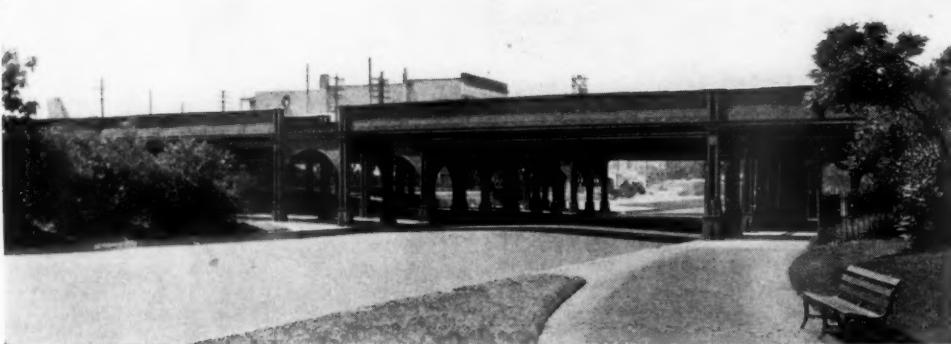


Large Expenditures for Grade Separation Have Been Incurred by Reason of "Super-Highway" Projects

gram has come about as a result of an altered public opinion; court decisions have played a minor role. But the decision of the United States Supreme court, which was handed down on March 4, and which is considered at length on another page, appears to place the contention of the railroads on even firmer ground. In this case, which involved an appeal from a decision of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis had contested a decision of the lower court that sustained a state law which assesses half the cost of grade separation against the railroad. The decision of the United States Supreme court not only questions the equity of an arbitrary division as contrasted with a division predicated on the relative benefits realized, but also raises the issue of enhanced advantages, to competing forms of transportation and the possible influence of the motive of unemployment relief in undertaking the particular project. The influence of this decision will far transcend its effect in the particular case at issue.

Possibly the most conclusive demonstration of the potentialities of grade separation is afforded by the program of such work now being prosecuted under the provisions of Title II of the National Recovery Act. As shown in the table, this embraces 551 projects involving an estimated expenditure of \$25,220,321. The widely distributed character of this work is indicated by the fact that only four states, namely, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine and Rhode Island are not represented. While there is a disparity in the number of separations in the different states, there being 78 in Illinois, 42 in Texas and 31 in Minnesota, compared with only 1 in Maryland and 2 in New Hampshire, the fact remains that 19 states are represented with 10 or more projects, and that the average for the 44 participating states is 12.5. The average cost per separation is about \$46,000, the average outlay for undercrossings being but little more than that for the overcrossings.

It should be borne in mind that these 551 projects were undertaken as a result of voluntary action on the



The Railways Have Been Compelled to Bear the Burden of Grade Separation for Many Years.—A Structure Embraced in One of the Earliest Projects—"Midway" Undercrossing on the Illinois Central in Chicago. Built in 1893, Replaced in 1919

part of state highway officers under the provisions of the emergency appropriation for federal-aid highway work that authorized but did not require, allocations to grade separation work. There was no specific federal appropriation exclusively for this work.

Specific suggestions for the more active prosecution of grade crossing elimination with federal funds have emanated from several sources. The most ambitious of these is the one proposed by the American Institute of Steel Construction, which advocated an expenditure of \$1,400,000,000 to this end. A more conservative program, advanced by the Security Owners Association on December 29, 1934, called for an expenditure of \$863,614,067 on 12,951 projects, the maximum number allocated to any one state being 2,742 to the state of Michigan. A suggested program submitted to the Senate on February 14, by Senator Hayden embraces 4,058 separations, estimated to cost \$461,881,500.

#### Railroads Get Busy

In the meantime, a committee of railway engineers under the chairmanship of R. H. Ford, assistant chief engineer of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, has been engaged in a nation-wide campaign to lay an effective ground work for the expeditious prosecution of grade separation projects immediately after funds are made available. This committee is an outgrowth of group activity on the part of railway engineers in the middle west in the conduct of negotiations with the state and federal highway authorities for the purpose of fostering grade separation work under the provisions of the National Recovery Act. This earlier movement, which had its inception in the fall of 1933, built up a spirit of co-operation between the railway engineers and highway officers in the states affected that was fruitful of excellent results, as evidenced by the fact that, as shown in the table, 163 projects or 30 per cent of the 551 projects authorized in the entire country were located in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri. It is shown also by the adoption of a program for the more adequate protection of 297 crossings in the state of Illinois.

Realizing the merits of this plan and keenly alive to



One Type of Overcrossing

the advantages of thorough preparation in the prosecution of additional grade separation work under the provision of the pending legislation, the Association of American Railways took the necessary steps to place this movement on a nation-wide basis. This was done by extending the jurisdiction of an existing committee of engineers of the American Railway Association, namely, the Special Committee on Engineering Research, Inland Waterways and Intercoastal Canals, to "matters affecting grade crossing separations and related problems."

In addition to Mr. Ford, who is the chairman of this committee, the officers are W. D. Faucette, chief engineer Seaboard Air Line, vice-chairman, and A. P. Wenzell, special engineer, New York Central, secretary. There is also an executive committee that includes, C. F. Loweth, chief engineer, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific; R. A. Feldes, assistant to vice-president, New York Central, Chicago; I. W. Geer, chief engineer Western region, Pennsylvania; F. E. Morrow, chief engineer, Chicago & Western Indiana; and J. E. Wiloughby, chief engineer, Atlantic Coast Line.

The first step taken by the committee after the enlargement of its duties was to effect an organization that provided an official contact with the authorities in each state, who exercise jurisdiction over grade separation and protection, and also with the district engineers of the United States Bureau of Public Roads. These state chairmen were listed in the *Railway Age* of December 8, page 777.

The appointment of these state chairmen was of utmost importance, as the committee adopted as its primary function the development of tentative agreements between the railroads and the states as to the particular crossings that should have priority in grade separation programs so that preliminary steps might be taken for the development of general plans for the crossings on the preferred lists. However, before a start could be made on them, it was necessary to decide on some arbitrary figure for the number of crossings and on some basis for their allocation among the states.

In the absence of any inkling as to the size of the appropriation or apportionment to grade separation, it was necessary for the committee to take a shot in the dark, and for want of a better figure it selected \$300,000,000 as the basis for its calculations. This sum was then assumed as apportioned among the states in accordance with the criteria of population, area and highway mileage established in the statute covering the distribution of federal road funds, and was further subdivided among the railways in accordance with their line mileage in each state. Dividing this assumed allotment to each railway in each state by an arbitrary figure of \$50,000 as the approximate average cost per separation, and taking the nearest whole number, provided a tentative figure for the number of separations allotted to

each railway. Using this figure as a basis, each railroad made its own selection of the grade crossings on its lines that should have priority in a separation program, and these selections were forwarded to the state chairmen, who consolidated these preferences on state maps that show both the railway lines and the state highway systems. These maps were then submitted to the state highway officers or to the state railroad commissions for their comment and criticism.

### Plan Well Received

Reports forwarded by the state chairmen to the general committee indicate that this program has now been very largely completed, and that the authorities in most states have given the work their wholehearted co-operation. In a few states in which the number of railroads is small, they are dealing directly with the state or federal officers.

The committee organization that has functioned so effectively on this preliminary work will also prove of great benefit in the conclusion of negotiations for actual projects as soon as federal appropriations are made. In the meantime, the work in some states is being continued to the point of preparing plans for projects occupying preferential places on the lists, estimating costs, etc., and in studying the opportunities for abandoning unnecessary crossings.

While the number of grade crossings to be eliminated by separation will depend on the magnitude of the funds allocated, it will be influenced also by the cost of the individual projects. As stated heretofore, the average cost of the projects now being carried out is about \$46,000, but this cannot be used as a criterion for future work because of the natural tendency, other considerations being equal, to select the least expensive projects first. It follows, therefore, that as the campaign for elimination is carried forward, more costly projects must be included, thereby raising the average outlay.

As an illustration, a tentative list proposed by Senator Hayden included 1,756 "early projects" having an average estimated cost of \$105,000 and 2,302 "one-year projects" averaging \$120,000 each. Other estimates of average cost run all the way from \$50,000 to \$300,000, but figures submitted to the Federal Bureau of Public Roads indicate an average figure for projects in the immediate future of about \$93,000.

### How Apportioned

The apportionment of funds to the states or to individual crossings is still a matter of conjecture. While the studies made by the A.A.R. committee were based on a distribution following the provisions of the federal aid act, Senator Hayden has proposed a rule as to future appropriations for grade separation under which the apportionment to the states would be based one-half on population; one-quarter on the mileage of federal aid roads and one-quarter on the railway mileage in each state.

There is a possibility also that the federal authority designated to administer the funds provided will insist on criteria for the selection of the projects differing in some measure from those employed in negotiations between the railroads and the states. Of primary importance is the degree of permanence of both the highway and the railroad, not only from the standpoint of the abandonment of either in its entirety but also with respect to the possibility of a local relocation. However, of far greater complexity is the task of developing an acceptable rule for determining the relative justifiability of the elimination of any group or groups of crossings and, thus far, no one method has been generally accepted.

One leading authority is of the opinion that volume of traffic on both the railway and the highway is the only reliable yardstick.

Another influence that may have some effect originates in the fact that such federal allocations as are made for grade separation are, after all, appropriations that have unemployment relief as their primary objective. Apportionments may, therefore, be modified in some measure by the relative intensity of unemployment in various areas or communities.

How soon additional money from the federal treasury will be made available for the separation and protection of highway crossings is as yet purely a matter of conjecture. But inasmuch as the proposal to use federal funds for these purposes has been advocated by such a

### Public Works Highway Program

Highway-Railroad State	Grade Number	Separation Highway Over Railroad		Projects As of January 31, 1935	
		Estimated Cost	Number	Highway Under Railroad	Estimated Cost
Alabama . . . . .	8	\$288,942	1*	\$4,178	9
Arizona . . . . .	4	150,387	5	314,875	9
Arkansas . . . . .	5	429,813	3	52,067	8
California . . . . .	7	547,196	3	191,818	10
Colorado . . . . .	10	364,472	9	189,174	19
Connecticut . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
Delaware . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
Florida . . . . .	5	271,258	..	..	5
Georgia . . . . .	15	470,252	3	73,289	18
Idaho . . . . .	3	68,372	3	455,654	6
Illinois . . . . .	36	1,695,354	42	2,715,736	78
Indiana . . . . .	9	475,525	5	541,768	14
Iowa . . . . .	24	605,579	3	103,304	27
Kansas . . . . .	7	943,215	3	84,403	10
Kentucky . . . . .	4	135,191	1	35,578	5
Louisiana . . . . .	6	376,841	..	..	6
Maine . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
Maryland . . . . .	1	96,705	..	..	1
Massachusetts . . . . .	3	181,076	..	..	3
Michigan . . . . .	5	243,950	3	506,350	8
Minnesota . . . . .	13	621,624	18	307,845	31
Mississippi . . . . .	11	177,250	10	265,504	21
Missouri . . . . .	14	692,912	13	268,315	27
Montana . . . . .	9	183,244	7	148,845	16
Nebraska . . . . .	7	334,754	1	124,077	8
Nevada . . . . .	3	90,694	2	48,276	5
New Hampshire . . . . .	2	101,381	..	..	2
New Jersey . . . . .	3	135,958	4	237,218	7
New Mexico . . . . .	6	151,711	4	388,428	10
New York . . . . .	9	573,610	10	728,429	19
North Carolina . . . . .	5	70,874	8	202,854	13
North Dakota . . . . .	2	50,339	4	94,912	6
Ohio . . . . .	2	410,100	..	..	2
Oklahoma . . . . .	6	130,494	3	45,963	9
Oregon . . . . .	4	95,254	4	116,545	8
Pennsylvania . . . . .	8	700,627	2	81,034	10
Rhode Island . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
South Carolina . . . . .	5	78,509	4	53,026	9
South Dakota . . . . .	2	101,005	1*	10,615	3
Tennessee . . . . .	7	196,050	..	..	7
Texas . . . . .	12	701,470	30	1,293,180	42
Utah . . . . .	5	108,797	3	134,077	8
Vermont . . . . .	1	8,741	..	..	1
Virginia . . . . .	16	747,292	4	125,222	20
Washington . . . . .	8	135,323	4	165,968	12
West Virginia . . . . .	5	320,525	1	50,645	6
Wisconsin . . . . .	3	236,349	7	392,949	10
Wyoming . . . . .	1	13,666	2	155,519	3
Total . . . . .	321	\$14,512,681	230	\$10,707,640	551
					\$25,220,321

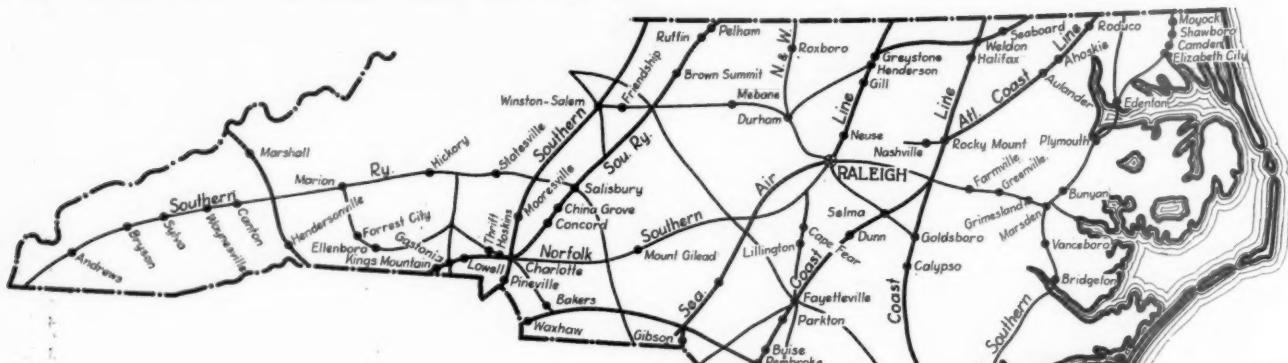
\* Reconstruction.

variety of interests and has not suffered the criticism that has been directed at almost every other class of public work, it should be much more likely to receive favorable consideration at the hands of Congress. However, one thing is certain. With the ever increasing speeds of both highway and railway traffic, the need for a reduction in the hazard at the points of conflict of these two forms of transport is becoming more urgent as time goes on, and whether or not grade separation is prosecuted on an accelerated scale in the immediate future, the projects now being studied by highway and railway engineers will be carried out eventually. Consequently, federal appropriations for grade separation made at this time will serve merely to advance a program that is certain to be carried out in the end. In the meantime, the work will go on at a modest scale under the provisions of the Hayden-Cartwright Act.

# Federal Funds for Highway Crossing Protection



Twenty states now have programs involving more than 1,223 crossings and others are proposed



In North Carolina Flashing-Light Crossing Signals Are Being Installed at 90 Locations as Indicated on the Map. Of These Projects 28 Are on the Southern, 20 on the Seaboard Air Line, 23 on the Norfolk Southern, 18 on the Atlantic Coast Line and 1 on the Norfolk & Western. The View Above Shows an Installation in Florida on the Atlantic Coast Line, and the Illustration at the Right Shows the New Signals at a Crossing in North Carolina on the Seaboard



**A**t least twenty states are now installing or planning to install automatically-controlled signals at highway-railroad crossings which are to be paid for from the states' apportionments of Federal Public Works funds. Further activities in this field are to be commended, not only as a means of improving safety on the highways but as an aid in reducing unemployment among furloughed railway signal employees, as well as mechanics in the factories of signal manufacturers and those who furnish such accessories as batteries and wire.

The materials and labor required for a crossing signal installation vary with circumstances, ranging from a single-track project in non-automatic block signal territory to a multiple-track project in block signal territory. However, it may be stated roughly that a crossing signal project requires about 1,750 man-hours of labor for the manufacture of the materials, estimating, drafting and construction in the field. With a total of 1,223 projects under way, this means that about 2,140,250 man-hours are required or the employment of 1,028 men for 12 months, on the basis of 40 hours per week. In practically all cases the men called back to duty for this

work have been unemployed for several years and the majority have been on public relief.

## Authority for Procedure

Section 204 of Title II—Public Works and Construction Projects—of the National Industry Recovery Act, authorizes, among other items, the use of funds to pay all or any part of the cost of improvements to promote safety at highway railroad crossings. In compliance with this act, Thos. H. MacDonald, chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, issued on November 22, 1933, the following explanation: "Grade crossing protection by installation of satisfactory and approved warning devices such as signals, lights, etc., at crossings, which cannot be eliminated eco-

nominally, serves to minimize hazards to traffic. Public works highway funds may be used to pay the entire cost of such approved installations in accordance with proper plans and specifications." Mr. MacDonald further stated: "We will accept the specifications for materials

**Current Programs of Highway Crossing Protection Being Installed in Twenty States at Federal Expense**

State	Approx. Amount	Approx. No. Crossings
Alabama	.....	16
Florida	.....	39
Georgia	.....	12
Illinois	.....	297
Signals	\$475,000	297
Reflector signs	25,000	354
Michigan	.....	28
Minnesota	30,000	12
Mississippi	.....	6
Montana	.....	2
Nebraska	1,650	1
New Jersey	.....	274
New Mexico	.....	1
North Carolina	250,000	90
Oklahoma	.....	2
Oregon	16,000	8
Pennsylvania	6,500	4
South Carolina	50,000	16*
Utah	.....	8
Virginia	35,000	11*
Washington	14,000	7
Wisconsin	100,000	35*
		1,223

\* Approximate.

and electrical work prepared by the railroad companies as it is believed that their signal departments can be relied upon properly to take care of these features of the work."

The public works funds authorized for highway purposes under the acts of June 16, and June 18, 1934, totaled \$600,000,000. Of this amount, approximately three million dollars was allocated by 20 states for the protection of 1,223 grade crossings, as shown in detail in the table. Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Virginia have already started negotiations for a second program involving about 80 additional crossings, while New Jersey has announced a program involving protection at 274 crossings. Various bills now before congress propose the appropriation of further large sums for highway-railroad crossing signals, and, on account of the permanent benefits effected, and the relief of unemployment, there is little doubt that activity in the construction of crossing signals will be continued.

#### Protection Needed

The separation of grades between highways and railroads is, of course, the ultimate in safety. However, with grade separations averaging from \$50,000 to \$90,000 each, and with more than 237,000 crossings in the United States, it is evident that it is entirely impracticable to separate the grades at any considerable proportion of the total. At many crossings, where traffic on the highway and the railroad does not justify expenditures for grade separation, or where local conditions make such improvement impracticable, crossing signals serve to minimize the hazard. The cost for such an installation approximates \$2,500 to \$4,000, depending on the number of tracks and other conditions, but even the higher figure is small in comparison with the cost of grade separation.

According to the latest information available, only about 30,400 of the 237,000 crossings in the United States are protected by other than fixed signs. Of these, about 4,700 are protected by gates (of which 2,800 are in part-time operation), 1,200 by watchmen full time and 5,000 by watchmen part time, 16,700 are protected

by automatically-controlled visible signals and 3,600 by audible signals. It is evident, therefore, that there is a large field for the application of signal protection at thousands of crossings.

So far as cost is concerned, the hazard at highway-railroad crossings has been brought about primarily by the construction of improved roads and the development of motor vehicles. Therefore, the protection should be installed at the expense of the public as users of the highway. This fact has been recognized by such states as Pennsylvania, Indiana and Michigan, which have for years paid one-half of the cost of installations ordered by the state.

However, the proposal that a state or the Federal Government pay one-half or all of the cost of a highway-railroad crossing signal installation is somewhat of a "white elephant" gift because the burden of replacement of parts, maintenance and operating costs are to be met by the railroad and this cost will, in 15 to 20 years, equal the original cost of the installation. Michigan has recognized its responsibility in these matters by paying \$10 monthly toward the maintenance and operation of the signals at each crossing where the installation is made under order.

In the projects already completed or under way as a part of the Public Works program, the charges for materials and labor are being paid from the state allotments, but it is understood that the railroads are to assume the charges for maintenance and operation. It is possible, however, that these latter charges can be adjusted at a later date; the present problem is to use the funds available to the best advantage in improving highway safety and at the same time provide work for the maximum number of unemployed. Another consideration is the fact that audible signals only (bells)



Signal Installed at Pineville, N. C., Where Highway 21 Crosses the Track of the Southern

are in service at 3,600 crossings in the United States, and, in many of these instances, greater benefit would be effected in improved safety to highway users by adding visible signals at these crossings than would be accomplished by making complete new signal installations at other crossings.

### Typical Crossing Signal Programs

Indicative of the highway crossing protection programs that may be adopted is the action already taken by North Carolina. It was not only one of the first few states to see the opportunity for installing crossing signals as a part of the P.W.A. activities, but, as early as 1933, it adopted an extensive program involving 90 crossings and pushed the negotiations to the extent that approximately 24 of the installations are already completed and in service, while materials are delivered for the remainder and construction is being prosecuted rapidly, looking toward early completion. Furthermore, this state has plans made for a second program involving 51 more crossings at which signals are to be installed. Florida is another state which started early, having perfected a program involving 4 crossings which have already been completed with plans under way for 31 more similar projects.

The first program in North Carolina included the installation of signals at 20 crossings on the Seaboard Air Line, 23 on the Norfolk Southern, 28 on the Southern, 18 on the Atlantic Coast Line and 1 on the Norfolk & Western. As of February 15, the installations completed in North Carolina were on the Seaboard Air Line, the Norfolk Southern and the Southern, while those four completed in Florida are on the Atlantic Coast Line.

The signals installed by the four railroads mentioned above are of the standard flashing-light type with back lights, showing indications in both directions along the highway. A button-reflector type sign, reading "Stop on Red Signal," is mounted on the mast below the signal, and another sign indicating the number of tracks is located above the signal, with a cast-iron crossbuck "Railroad Crossing" sign at or near the top of the mast. The signals conform to the standard of the Association of American Railroads, Joint Committee on Grade Crossing Protection, as shown in Fig. 7 of bulletin No. 1. The Seaboard uses four separate signal units on each signal, each equipped with a 10-volt 18-watt, double-filament lamp, the purpose of the separate units being to secure a wider spread of the indication than is possible with a single-unit incorporating a back-light.

The signals are controlled automatically by track circuits so as to afford at least 20 seconds operation prior to the arrival of the fastest train at a crossing. In some instances, special cutouts and control circuits are provided to eliminate unnecessary operation of the signals when a train is switching on the main track or when making a movement into or out of a passing siding.

The signals completed so far have been located at points where alternating current power is available so that this type of energy is used normally for the operation of the flashing-lights. As a stand-by source of energy for the operation of the signals in case of an a-c. power outage, the installations on the Atlantic Coast Line in Florida and on the Seaboard Air Line in North Carolina are equipped with storage battery which is on floating charge through a rectifier. Both of these roads use direct-current track circuits operated from cells of primary battery. The crossing signal installations completed on the Southern in North Carolina are in a-c. automatic block territory so that the flashing-lights are normally energized from the a-c. supply, a set of primary

battery cells being provided as an emergency stand-by.

In general, each of the roads involved followed its own standards for materials and methods of detail construction. On the Seaboard Air Line, a printed form was prepared on which to list all of the materials that would logically be used on a crossing signal installation. One copy was then prepared to show the materials required for each installation. The individual items on the 20 proposed projects were then totaled and bids were secured from each of two or more signal manufacturing companies to supply all of the materials required for the entire 20 projects. The bids were then submitted to the state officers who let the contracts to the lowest bidder. With this procedure, the state officers had one transaction in purchasing the materials for all 20 installations.

The materials were shipped to the State Highway Department, in care of the railroad, at a designated central point. The materials for each project were then assembled and loaded in supply cars for shipment to the installation. The freight on the materials to the point of destination was paid by the state as a part of the material cost. The field investigations and the direction of the construction were under the jurisdiction of a crossing signal supervisor, reporting to the signal engineer of the railroad. The signal construction forces of the railroad handled the installation, the charges for labor and for supervision of the field construction being paid by the state.

In general, the same methods of procedure were followed on the Atlantic Coast Line and on the Southern. However each of these roads followed its own standard procedure in estimating and ordering material, which differ in some respect from that used on the Seaboard Air Line. The Atlantic Coast Line prepared complete plans for each installation, and the plans for a group of projects, together with specifications, were submitted for bid, as one complete contract for materials to be furnished on the basis of the plans. The Southern prepared plans for each project, but assembled on one requisition all of the similar items of one manufacturer to be used on all of the proposed projects in a state. Bids were then received from individual manufacturers. Each road submitted the bids to the state for the purchase of materials.

## Grade Separations Benefit Road Users Primarily

WASHINGTON, D. C.

A PRINCIPLE long contended for by the railroads in connection with rail-highway grade separation projects, that such projects under present conditions are of greater importance to the highway users than to the railroad crossed, was recognized by the Supreme Court of the United States in a decision rendered on March 4 in a case instituted by the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis against the Tennessee State Highway Commissioners. The decision reversed the judgment of the supreme court of Tennessee and remanded the case to it for further proceedings, on the ground that it had erred in reversing a decision by the trial court which had held that an order of the state commission requiring the railroad to pay half the cost of a grade separation at Lexington, Tenn., and the state statute as applied, were arbitrary, unreasonable and void.

The Supreme Court did not pass on the question as to whether the railroad should pay a portion of the cost but decided that the state supreme court had erred in refusing to consider the special facts relied upon by the railroad and whether the facts established as arbitrary and unreasonable the imposition upon the railroad of one-half the cost of the underpass on a highway built to compete with the railroad.

The court pointed out that "a statute valid as to one set of facts may be invalid as to another," and that "a statute valid when enacted may become invalid by change in the conditions to which it is applied."

"We have no occasion to consider now," the court said, "whether the facts presented by the railway were of such persuasiveness as to have required the state court to hold that the statute and order complained of are arbitrary and unreasonable. That determination should, in the first instance, be made by the supreme court of the state." Justices Stone and Cardozo dissented and Justice McReynolds took no part in the consideration of the case.

### Timely Decision

The decision is of special interest at this time when the federal government is making plans for large expenditures for grade crossing elimination, in connection with which the question of charging part of the cost to the railroads has been under discussion, although it is understood that the government has been calculating upon paying the cost itself.

"Here were adduced," the majority opinion by Justice Brandeis says, "—as tending to show that it was arbitrary and unreasonable to impose upon the railway one-half the cost of this underpass—not only the revolution wrought by motor vehicle transportation and the creation and purposes of the federal-aid highway system; but also the local conditions at Lexington; the character of the place where the underpass was ordered built; the extent of the railroad operations there; the character of the existing highway facilities, and of their use at that point; the location of the proposed highway; the occasion for its construction; the use contemplated; the reason why the underpass was ordered; the depletion of the railway's revenues resulting from the construction of federal-aid highways, particularly in recent years; the necessary effect of this new highway upon its rail traffic and revenues; and the burden of taxation already borne by the railway as compared with that of the owners of the motor vehicles who will use the new highway.

"No case involving like conditions has been found in any of the lower federal courts; nor, excepting the case here under review, has any such been found among the decisions of the highest courts of any state. The supreme court of Tennessee did not consider whether, in view of the facts relied upon, it was arbitrary and unreasonable to impose upon the railway one-half the cost of the underpass."

### Outstanding Facts

Among the facts which the Supreme Court mentions as "specifically found, or of which the courts could take judicial notice," are:

The decree of the trial court recites, as a finding upon the evidence, "that this underpass is a part of a state-wide and nation-wide plan to foster commerce by motor vehicle on the public highways, the result of which is to afford competition with railroads, and that the decision to build this underpass, its location and construction, was not in any proper sense an exercise of the police power, but rather, as set forth in the bill of complaint, pursuant to a general plan of internal improvement fostered by the Congress of the United States in conjunction with the several states to make a nation-wide system of super-

highways in the interest of interstate commerce by motor vehicle, much of which is in active competition with the railroads themselves"; "that in the interest of commerce by motor vehicles on the public highway, this was a proper engineering project, properly conceived, located, designed and constructed"; but "that this underpass did not involve an exercise of the police power any more than many other features of this project, such as elimination of curves, grades, widening the pavement, et cetera."

The relief of the unemployment incident to the business depression has been the main incentive for highway construction since April 4, 1930—the period in which the highway here in question was undertaken and completed.

To achieve its purposes, the federal government has made large contributions to the cost of the federal-aid highway system. In each year, it has made to each state grants in money, proportioned according to various factors, to be expended in defraying up to one-half the cost of constructing therein the designated highways.

Both the federal-aid legislation and the regulations adopted thereunder encourage the elimination of grade crossings.

The general principles adopted by the Bureau of Roads to be applied where possible treat "all intersections of a railway and highway at grade" as "a condition dangerous to traffic on the highway—which should not exist in a well designed and completed system"; treat topographic conditions as having only an "incidental bearing"; and refuse to treat "unobstructed view of the railway track from the highway" as constituting a safe crossing.

Federal-aid highways are designed so that motor vehicles may move thereon at a speed commonly much greater than that of railroad trains. The main purpose of grade separation therefore is now the furtherance of uninterrupted, rapid movement by motor vehicles.

The railroad has ceased to be the prime instrument of danger and the main cause of accidents. It is the railroad which now requires protection from dangers incident to motor transportation. Prior to the establishment of the federal-aid system, Tennessee highways were built under the direction of the county courts, and paid for out of funds raised locally by taxation or otherwise. They served, in the main, local traffic.

The long distance traffic was served almost wholly by the railroads and the water lines. Under those conditions the occasion for separation of grades was mainly the danger incident to rail operations; and the promotion of safety was then the main purpose of grade separation.

Then, it was reasonable to impose upon the railroad a large part of the cost of eliminating grade crossings; and the imposition was rarely a hardship. For the need for eliminating existing crossings, and the need of new highways free from grade crossings, arose usually from the growth of the community in which the grade separation was made; this growth was mainly the result of the transportation facilities offered through the railroad; the separation of grade crossings was a normal incident of the growth of rail operations; and as the highways were then feeders of rail traffic, the community's growth and every improvement of highway facilities benefited the railroad.

The effect upon the railroad of constructing federal-aid highways, like that here in question, is entirely different. They are not feeders of rail traffic. They deplete the existing rail traffic and the revenues of the railroads. Separation of grades serves to intensify the motor competition and to further deplete rail traffic. The avoidance thereby made possible of traffic interruptions incident to crossing at grade are now of far greater importance to the highway users than it is to the railroad crossed. For the rail operations are few; those of motor vehicles very numerous.

Lexington is a rural community of 1823 inhabitants located in a sparsely settled territory. The construction of the new highway with the underpass were not designated to meet local transportation needs. It was undertaken to serve as a link in a nation-wide system of highways.

The new highway, paralleling lines of the railway and intended for rapid moving motor vehicles, will, through competition for both freight and passenger traffic, seriously decrease rail traffic and deplete the railway's revenue and net earnings. Practically all vehicles moving upon it will directly or indirectly compete for traffic with the railway.

How disastrously such competition will affect the railway's traffic and revenues is shown by its own experience since the state commenced, with the aid of the federal government, a system of highways paralleling the lines of the railway.

That the decrease in the railway's traffic was due mainly to increased motor competition following the construction of the new highways, appears from the fact that the decrease began while general business was active; and that, even in the years of economic depression, the railway's freight traffic was practically constant in the relatively few regions where its rail lines were not paralleled by hard surfaced highways; and that traffic

increased when highways paralleling its lines were temporarily closed for reconstruction. The reduction in traffic and depletion in revenues has been particularly severe during the three years preceding 1933.

While the railway, the sufferer from the construction of the new highway, is burdened with one-half the cost of the underpass, the owners of trucks and busses and others, who are beneficiaries of its construction, are immune from making any direct contribution toward the cost.

It is true that one-half of the cost is by law to be borne by the highway fund of Tennessee (except in so far as it may be covered by the federal aid) and that the truck and bus owners and others contribute as taxpayers to that fund.

But, while nearly 28 per cent of the gross revenues of the railway is required annually to pay the state and local taxes and the cost of maintaining the roadway, acquired and constructed at its own expense, the state commercial motor carriers, which are supplied by the state with the roadway on which they move, pay in state and local taxes not more than 7 per cent of their gross revenues.

The taxes laid upon truck and bus owners are clearly insufficient to pay their fair share even of the cost and maintenance of the highways which serve them. Motor vehicle taxes of all kinds, ad valorem, privilege, license plate, and others will not pay for one-half of the annual expenditure in Tennessee for highways. The balance is being paid in part by general property taxes, in part by borrowing and in part by the federal government.

Of the ad valorem taxes paid by the railway to the state and the political divisions thereof, about 20 per cent is allocated directly to roads, some of which are no longer feeders to its traffic, but serve as highways for the traffic taken by its competitors.

The relative pro-rata tax burden laid upon common carriers by motor vehicle is alleged to be one-fourth of that laid upon the railroads.

The opinion continues, saying that "the promotion of public convenience will not justify requiring of a railroad, any more than of others, the expenditure of money, unless it can be shown that a duty to provide the particular convenience rests upon it;" and that when particular individuals are singled out to bear the cost of advancing the public convenience, "that imposition must bear some reasonable relation to the evils to be eradicated or the advantages to be secured." "While moneys raised by general taxation may constitutionally be applied to purposes from which the individual taxed may receive no benefit, and, indeed, suffer serious detriment, so-called assessments for public improvements laid upon particular property owners are ordinarily constitutional only if based on benefits received by them."

The case was started in the lower court by Fitzgerald Hall, then general counsel of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, and was argued by him in the Supreme Court after he became president of the road.

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On the Reading, Near Valley Forge, Pa.

## C. G. W. to Be Reorganized

THE Chicago Great Western petitioned the Federal District Court in Chicago on February 28 for authority to reorganize under the National Bankruptcy Act and was granted permission on the same day to file bankruptcy proceedings. In its petition the railroad stated that it is without funds to pay \$710,880 interest due on March 1 on first mortgage four per cent bonds, that it has no means of borrowing or otherwise procuring such funds, and that it is unable to meet its debts as they mature, and, therefore, desires to effect a plan of reorganization pursuant to Sec. 77 of Chap. VIII of the acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy. The petition for reorganization was granted by Federal Judge Charles E. Woodward, who authorized the company to remain for the present in possession of the properties. No trustee was asked in the petition and none was appointed.

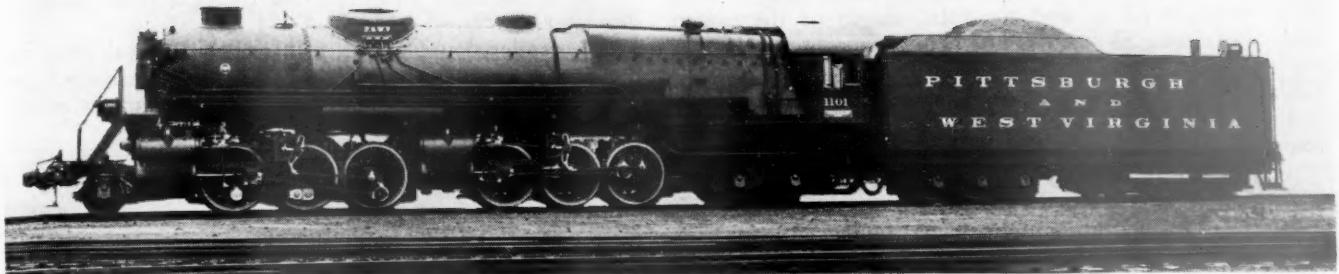
### Financial Problem Not Intricate

The financial problem of the railroad is not intricate, there being few unsecured creditors and none with debts more than six months old. All equipment trust obligations have been paid to date. As a result, in a plan of reorganization there will have to be taken into consideration only a well-secured debt of about \$1,250,000 to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and a secured debt of about the same amount to the Railroad Credit Corporation, the first mortgage bonds, of which between \$35,000,000 and \$36,000,000 are outstanding, with equipment trust notes, places the long-term indebtedness of the company at \$43,667,679. In 1929 the company earned its fixed charges 1.68 times; in 1930, 1.74 times; in 1931, 1.48 times; in 1932, 0.30 times and in 1933, 0.74 times. During 1934 its earnings were insufficient to meet the interest on Chicago Great Western first mortgage four per cent bonds, payable March 1, 1935.

In filing the petition Patrick H. Joyce, president, stated that the company is not insolvent and could have continued in operation but that better attention can be given to the actual operation of the railroad with the financial problems lifted by a plan which he thought could be consummated within six months, provided no obstruction was thrown in the way of the reorganization. He also revealed that recent conferences with representatives of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation justified the hope that if a readjustment plan is carried out which will reduce fixed charges of the company, the government lending agency will make further advances. Because of these general conditions, a general scaling down of fixed charges is the objective.

### Incorporated in 1909

The Chicago Great Western Railroad Company was incorporated on August 11, 1909, as the successor under a plan of reorganization dated June 1, 1909, to the Chicago Great Western Railway, which was sold under foreclosure on August 21 of the same year. It owns the entire capital stock of the Mason City & Fort Dodge Railroad Company, and the Leavenworth Terminal Railway & Bridge Co. The Omaha Grain Terminals is controlled by the Chicago Great Western through its subsidiary, the Mason City & Fort Dodge. On July 1, 1934, the Great Western also took over the properties of the St. Paul Bridge & Terminal Co., and the St. Paul Union Stockyards Company under a 99-year lease. A total of 1,518 miles of line is operated by the Great Western, of which 1,025 are owned by the company.



Single-expansion Articulated Locomotive Built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works for the Pittsburgh & West Virginia

# P. & W. V. Articulated Locomotive Replaces Two Consolidations

**Single-expansion 2-6-6-4 type locomotives built by Baldwin have starting tractive force of 113,500 lb.**

THREE new single-expansion articulated locomotives built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works have recently been placed in service on the Pittsburgh & West Virginia, a short road 138 miles long, connecting the rich coal fields of western Pennsylvania with the Pittsburgh district and thence across the upper end of West Virginia into Ohio. Passenger traffic is extremely light; in fact, on most of the road no passenger trains are operated. The freight traffic is heavy and consists largely of soft coal. Heretofore this has been handled by 22 Consolidation and three Mikado locomotives. Of the 2-8-0 type locomotives, which were built between 1907 and 1921, nineteen have 58-in. drivers and a rated tractive force ranging from 54,000 lb. to 58,600 lb. The three 2-8-2 type locomotives, which were built in 1918, have a rated tractive force of 54,725. Until last year the only new power purchased since 1921 was one Pacific type passenger locomotive.

The new articulated locomotives have a rated tractive force of 97,500 lb. for the locomotive itself which may be supplemented by a Bethlehem auxiliary locomotive developing 16,000 lb. additional tractive force. This is applied to the rear six-wheel tender truck. One of the new locomotives is, therefore, capable of performing the work formerly requiring the use of two of the older locomotives. They will be employed mainly for hauling coal trains on the 35½-mile run from Connellsville, Pa., to Rook, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh.

In the preparation of the design the builders were restricted to an axle load of 65,000 lb., a track curvature of 18 deg., and to certain specified clearances. The stack height is 16 ft. 2 in.; the cab width, 10 ft. 6 in., and the width over running boards, 11 ft. 4 in.

## Driving Gear and Controls

All four cylinders are 23 in. in diameter with a stroke of 32 in. Valve gear is of the Walschaert type, operating 12-in. piston valves having a maximum travel of 6 in. The maximum cut-off in full gear is 81.5 per cent.

The power reverse gears are Baldwin, Type C, and the throttle is of the Glaenzer poppet valve type, located in the dome and inside connected. The dry pipe is 9 in. in diameter. The crossheads are of the Laird type with multiple-ledge guides.

The air-brake equipment, furnished by the Westinghouse Air Brake Company, is Schedule 6-ET with brake valves and fittings pedestal mounted. The two 8½-in. cross-compound air compressors are mounted on the front of the smokebox. The equipment includes two enameled main reservoirs, 20½ in. by 114 in.

## Foundation and Running Gear

The frame structure is of the cast-steel built-up type with cast-iron cylinders, cast-steel bumper and a cast-steel cradle. The driving wheels are 63 in. in diameter and the wheel base of each engine is 11 ft. The two-wheel engine truck is of the Commonwealth type with outside bearings, while the four-wheel trailer truck is of the Delta type. Axles for driving, engine truck and trailing truck are of open-hearth carbon steel, annealed. Rolled steel wheels are used for the engine truck and 42-in. cast-steel wheels for the trailing truck. Connection between engine and tender is by means of a Unit-Safety drawbar used in connection with a Franklin radial buffer of the wedge type.

A new design has been worked out by the Baldwin Locomotive Works for the waist bearer between the front engine frame and the boiler. It is unique in that the middle portion of the central steam pipe is incorporated as a part of the casting itself. The upper portion of the waist bearer was designed to meet unusual conditions of limited vertical space between the driving wheels and the boiler.

## Boiler

The boiler is of the straight-top, wagon-bottom type, with a Belpaire firebox, the outside diameter of the first one of the three shell courses being 94 in. The

firebox provides a grate area of 102.3 sq. ft. The combustion chamber is 74 in. long and the Security brick arch is carried on five arch tubes. The length over tube sheets is 23 ft. and the total length of the boiler and smokebox, 53 ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. The evaporative heating surface is 5,914 sq. ft. The superheater is Type A with 1,873 sq. ft. surface. Coal is fed to the grate by a Hanna stoker. Shell and firebox sheets are of open-hearth basis steel. All tubes and flues are of seamless steel. The pressure carried by the boiler is 225 lb. No feed-water heater was applied.

An interesting and simple device has been provided to show the change in the indicated water level due to

#### Principal Dimensions and Weights of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia 2-6-6-4 Locomotives

Railroad .....	Pittsburgh & West Virginia
Builder .....	Baldwin Locomotive Wks.
Type of locomotive .....	2-6-6-4
Road numbers .....	1100-1102
Service .....	Freight
Cylinders, diameter and stroke .....	4-23 in. by 32 in.
Valve gear, type .....	Walschaert
Valves, piston type, size .....	12 in.
Maximum travel .....	6 in.
Rated tractive force .....	97,500 lb.
Rated tractive force, aux. locomotive .....	16,000 lb.
Weights in working order:	
On drivers .....	397,300 lb.
On front truck .....	27,540 lb.
On trailing truck .....	103,200 lb.
Total engine .....	528,040 lb.
Tender .....	377,600 lb.
Wheel bases:	
Driving .....	32 ft. 7 in.
Rigid .....	11 ft. 0 in.
Total engine .....	55 ft. 8 in.
Total engine and tender .....	98 ft. 4 in.
Wheels, diameter outside tires:	
Driving .....	63 in.
Front truck .....	36 in.
Trailing truck .....	42 in.
Boiler:	
Type .....	Belpaire, straight-top, wagon-bottom
Steam pressure .....	225 lb.
Fuel .....	Soft coal
Diameter, first ring, outside .....	94 in.
Firebox, length and width .....	144 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 102 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.
Height mud ring to crown sheet, back .....	75 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Height mud ring to crown sheet, front .....	95 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Arch tubes, number .....	74 in.
Combustion chamber, length .....	241-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.
Tubes, number and diameter .....	66-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Flues, number and diameter .....	23 ft.
Length over tube sheets .....	102.3 sq. ft.
Grate area .....	450 sq. ft.
Heating surfaces:	
Firebox and comb. chamber .....	49 sq. ft.
Arch tubes .....	499 sq. ft.
Total firebox .....	5,414 sq. ft.
Tubes and flues .....	5,913 sq. ft.
Total evaporative .....	1,873 sq. ft.
Superheating (Type A) .....	7,786 sq. ft.
Comb. evaporative and superheating .....	
Tender:	
Style .....	Rectangular
Water capacity .....	2,000 gal.
Fuel capacity .....	20 tons
Trucks .....	Six wheel

the grade. This consists of a rectangular frame attached to the water columns on the right- and left-hand sides. The width of the opening is equal to the change in water level due to a change from an up-hill to a down-hill grade of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Water in the glass even with the top of the frame opening when the locomotive is ascending a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent grade, is equivalent to two gages of water on the level, as is also the case with water in the glass even with the bottom of the frame when descending the same grade.

#### Tender

The tender is of rectangular type and has a capacity for 20,000 gal. of water and 20 tons of coal. Its loaded weight is 377,600 lb. The tender frame is mounted on an open-bottom cast-steel frame. The six-wheel cast-steel tender trucks are equipped with American Steel

Foundries clasp-type truck brakes. The tender truck wheels are rolled steel, those for the front truck being of 33 in. diameter and those for the rear truck of 36 in. diameter.

The tender coupler with 6-in. by 8-in. shank was furnished by the National Malleable & Steel Castings Company and operates in conjunction with Farlow attachments and a Miner friction draft gear.

## Freight Car Loading

WASHINGTON, D. C.

REVENUE freight car loading in the week ended February 23 totaled 552,896 cars, a decrease of 29,085 cars as compared with the week before and of 22,012 cars as compared with the corresponding week of last year, but an increase of 90,581 cars as compared with 1933. This was the third consecutive week to show a decline compared with the week before and brought the cumulative total for the year to date below that for last year. Loading of miscellaneous freight and forest products showed increases as compared with last year and grain and grain products showed a small increase as compared with the week before. The summary, as compiled by the Car Service Division of the Association of American Railroads, follows:

#### Revenue Freight Car Loading

Week Ended Saturday, February 23

Districts	1935	1934	1933
Eastern .....	127,902	134,405	104,318
Allegheny .....	108,512	116,316	86,280
Pocahontas .....	44,881	45,095	36,118
Southern .....	87,481	89,531	73,500
Northwestern .....	62,962	62,791	52,147
Central Western .....	77,040	79,412	68,500
Southwestern .....	44,118	47,358	41,452
Total Western Districts.....	184,120	189,561	162,099
Total All Roads.....	552,896	574,908	462,315
Commodities			
Grain and Grain Products .....	26,109	27,460	28,322
Live Stock .....	11,234	15,292	14,429
Coal .....	127,075	156,270	103,360
Coke .....	7,430	10,068	4,907
Forest Products .....	25,815	22,592	14,272
Ore .....	2,988	3,181	1,712
Merchandise L. C. L. ....	142,471	144,205	143,492
Miscellaneous .....	209,774	195,840	151,821
February 23 .....	552,896	574,908	462,315
February 16 .....	581,981	600,268	517,529
February 9 .....	592,560	573,898	504,663
February 2 .....	598,164	565,401	486,059
January 26 .....	555,760	563,100	475,292
Cumulative Total, 8 Weeks.....	4,496,072	4,497,556	3,894,774

#### Car Loading in Canada

Car loadings in Canada for the week ended February 23 totaled 45,012 cars, as compared with 41,463 cars last year and 45,299 cars for the previous week, according to the compilation of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Total Cars Loaded	Total Cars Rec'd from Connections
Total for Canada:	
February 23, 1935.....	45,012
February 16, 1935.....	45,299
February 9, 1935.....	44,880
February 24, 1934.....	41,463
Cumulative Totals for Canada:	
February 23, 1935.....	339,117
February 24, 1934.....	319,250
February 25, 1933.....	256,215
	176,871
	170,495
	137,184

# Comments on the Development of the U. P. Streamline Trains\*

Some of the background of the investigations leading to the initial designs and data on service runs

By A. H. Fetter

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RECENTLY a six-car rail train, approximately equal in weight to 100 Cadillac cars, crossed the continent from Los Angeles to New York in 57 hours with a total fuel cost equal to that of one Cadillac making the same trip. To be more specific the main engine used \$70 worth of fuel to make this 3,250-mile run. With 124 passengers aboard, the fuel cost per passenger carried is 60 cents as compared with \$10 per passenger in the Cadillac. A fair approximation of the cost of fuel for a steam train of five cars and a locomotive would be around \$375. While the Diesel engine on this train develops 900 hp., the average power factor for the trip was but 54 per cent.

Having been a designer and builder of the steam locomotive for over 40 years, and with 30 years experience with internal combustion rail motor cars, I cannot help but project this remarkable performance into the future, in imagination, and visualize the future of Diesel rail transportation. I believe its possibilities are very great in economy, speed, cleanliness, reliability, and utilization.

Just 30 years ago the Union Pacific built a rail motor car propelled by a gasoline engine which was the fore-runner of the McKeen motor car industry. This was before the day of the electric drive, and mechanical transmissions were used.

Nearly 150 of these cars were built and successfully operated on many roads. Some of these early cars are still in operation with mileage records from one to two million miles.

Then came the era of the gas-electric rail car with its greater flexibility of operation and demonstrated economy over small steam trains in branch-line operation.

As early as 1926 your speaker went to Europe to investigate the development of Diesel engines and transmission systems as applied to rail service, but, while many interesting projects were either being tried or suggested, two pertinent facts were apparent. First; that Europeans were mostly experimenting with hydraulic, pneumatic, and mechanical forms of transmission, and second; notwithstanding the advancement of Diesel engine design at that time by such builders as M. A. N. Krupp, Fiat, Burmeister & Wain, Sulzer, Beardmore, there was no perfected and proved type of Diesel engine having the light weight, flexibility, reliability, and other necessary characteristics for light-weight, high-speed trains, either abroad or at home.

Research in the fall of 1932 disclosed a more fertile field in this respect. Also a progressive railroad, for once, looked over the fences of convention and conviction, into the garden-patch of other and newer industries and, as a result of this research, in May, 1933, an order was placed with Pullman Car & Manufacturing

Corporation for a three-car train featuring light-weight aluminum alloy construction, articulation, radical streamlining and powered with a 600-hp. Winton distillate burning, spark-ignition engine, capable of safe speeds of 90 to 110 m.p.h.

This first train was delivered in February, 1934, and after short break-in runs and a 13,000-mile tour of test and inspection, was placed on exhibition at the Century of Progress. It was also given a series of high-speed acceleration and braking tests between Grand Island and Columbus, Nebraska. Quite recently, further tests have been conducted in regard to minor adjustments and resulting in further refinements of performance. The first train has thus been used as a traveling laboratory in order to work out and apply to the following high-speed trains, some details that could only be settled by actual experience in the same manner that new automobile models are sometimes worked out on the proving grounds.

While the balanced speed of this first train is about 90 to 91 m.p.h., speeds of 110 m.p.h. have been recorded during routine test runs, with condition of grade and wind favorable. This three-car train has just been placed in revenue service between Kansas City and Salina, Kansas, making daily round trips of 374 miles. Its service weight is 98 tons.

## The Six-Car U. P. Train

Last October, the second high-speed train was delivered by the Pullman Car & Manufacturing Corporation. It consists of six cars, including the power car, one mail and baggage car, three Pullman sleepers of novel construction, and the rear buffet coach.

It embraces the same general construction as the first train and weighs 210 tons serviced with fuel, water, etc., but excluding pay load. It is powered, however, with the Winton 900-hp. Diesel engine for propulsion and a Winton 120-hp. auxiliary Diesel engine which generates power for lighting, air conditioning, blower fans, battery charging, and other auxiliaries. After several tuning-up runs, this train was taken to Los Angeles and on October 22, 1934, started its record-breaking coast-to-coast run of 56 hr. 55 min.

Incidentally, this was not an attempt for a speed record, but was for the purpose of checking the proposed 39-hr. schedule from Los Angeles to Chicago, with a continuation to New York City over the New York Central on its Twentieth Century schedule of 18 hours. Had maximum speed been the object of the run, 50 hours appeared feasible. The best previous transcontinental run was 71 hours from San Francisco to New York in 1906 by the E. H. Harriman Special. The best through schedule at present is 77 hours.

During the test run of the streamliner, fuel was taken en route at Salt Lake City, Cheyenne, Omaha, and Chi-

\* Extracts from a paper presented at the Railway Club of Pittsburgh, Jan. 24, 1935.

cago. Through the use of a special electric pump, the fueling rate is 100 gallons per minute, so that fuel stops averaged from 4 to 6 minutes each. The fuel capacity is 800 gallons, and a total of 2,079 gallons of fuel oil was used for both main and auxiliary engines, train heating and cooking, the distance being 3,250 miles, and the fuel rate 1.56 miles per gallon. At 4 cents per gallon this is equivalent to a cost of 2.56 cents per mile.

The highest recorded speed was 120 m.p.h. for a distance of 3 miles, 108 m.p.h. for 18 miles, and 85 m.p.h. for the 506 miles between Cheyenne, Wyo., and Omaha, Neb., on the Union Pacific; all of which are records for rail speed. The balanced speed of this six-car train is somewhat higher than for the three-car train, approximately 95 m.p.h.

Two additional high-speed trains each having nine revenue cars, and with increased horsepower, are now under construction for the Union Pacific at the Pullman plant and when finished are intended for service, one between Chicago and Los Angeles and one between Chicago and San Francisco, while the second, or six-car train, is intended for service between Chicago and Portland, Oregon. Each of these runs is approximately 2,300 miles in length. The schedules will be under 40 hours.

### Streamlining

Streamlining the exterior of fast moving vehicles to reduce power consumption due to air drag is not entirely a recent idea, though much of the art and results are rather recent. Thirty years ago your speaker assisted in designing the first McKeen rail motor car. The body of this car was streamlined to a marked extent even at that period and all subsequent McKeen cars were streamlined. The coming of the wind tunnel and the aerodynamic laboratory has resulted in a vast amount of practical knowledge in the art of streamlining of aircraft, much of which is applicable to our problem. However, there are certain fundamental differences in streamlining a plane, or dirigible in free flight, and a rail vehicle subject at all times to the effect of ground air drag. Streamlining the exterior of fast moving vehicles has recently been receiving serious attention in the automotive field, as well as by railroads. There are a number of recent examples of streamlined unit cars and trains, both here and abroad, and wherever it has been scientifically applied it has resulted in power reduction at high speeds or has permitted higher speeds with equal power. The application of streamlining is of primary importance when applied to cases where the power supply must be limited, as in oil-electric practice. Reduction of air drag, through careful attention to streamlining, was given extended research in connection with designing the exterior shapes of the Union Pacific high-speed trains. They were, in a sense, born in the wind tunnel. Preliminary scale models of the first train were tested in the University of Michigan wind tunnel under a competent staff. Much of the work was done at 80- or 90-mile air speed in order to secure data corresponding to running speeds. As the tests progressed it was found necessary to reject some preliminary work as assumptions that applied to testing aircraft models were found to need revision where ratio of length to cross section, the element of ground drag and other elements relative to the train model, were somewhat different from aeronautical work. The work consisted of a series of approximations and occupied several months of intensive research.

### Air Brake Problems

The problem of arresting 54,000,000 ft.-lb. of energy on the three-car train or 120,000,000 ft.-lb. of energy on

the six-car train at 90 m.p.h. in the space of 40 seconds, or about half a mile, brings us to the braking requirements of these high-speed trains. To meet the requirements of making stops from speeds of 90 and even 100 m.p.h. within standard distances, it was necessary to develop an entirely new braking system, which has been successfully accomplished by the New York Air Brake Company. The action of the air brake at these higher speeds had not been explored and was largely a matter of conjecture. Heretofore, uniform brake retardation was not possible due to the fact that the coefficient of friction between brake shoe and wheel varies widely with speed and unit pressure, decreasing rapidly at the higher speeds where it is most needed. While this coefficient may be as high as 25 per cent at very low speeds, it fades out to probably 5 per cent or 6 per cent at 100 m.p.h. While very high percentages of braking power are safe at the higher speeds, they would become dangerous as speed decreased and the coefficient of friction between shoe and wheel gradually increased. A point would be reached where the wheels would lock. It would not be safe to trust the judgment of the engineers to graduate the cylinder pressure down as speed fell off. In this new brake, in either service or emergency, a very high initial braking percentage is used. The brake cylinder pressure is then automatically controlled, in proportion to speed, by mean of a very simple retardation control principal. If retardation exceeds the safe degree, the braking effect is automatically reduced and the reduction continues until, just before rest, there is just enough air in the brake cylinders to stop the train without lurch or jar. In recent road tests with the first train this brake made service stops from 90 m.p.h. in 2,745 ft. This compares with a service stop of 2,500 to 3,000 feet with the usual steam train brake from 60 m.p.h.

### Conclusions

In concluding this paper attention is directed to one factor now existing that will retard more rapid progress, viz. that in order to cross the continent, as illustrated, with only \$70.00 worth of fuel it was necessary to make a large investment in the total power plant, consisting of the Diesel engine and the electrical transmission system. The electric transmission is only 80 per cent efficient at the best power output and the losses may run up to 40 per cent or 50 per cent at times. While the manufacturers have supplied a substantial Diesel engine weighing 20 lb. per b. h.p., it is necessary to add 42 lb. per b. h.p. for electrical equipment to transmit the engine power to the wheels. Until the manufacturers of electrical equipment can improve power efficiencies and decrease the weight of electrical equipment the Diesel engine will remain under a handicap to which it is not entitled. While the possibilities are remote at this time, some substitute for the electric drive may be ultimately devised. That is a problem that should be receiving the consideration of those principally involved.

**A NEW DIESEL-PROPELLED STREAMLINED TRAIN.**—the "Flying Frankfurter"—will be installed this summer by the German railways on the Frankfort-Berlin run, according to recent reports received by the United States Department of Commerce. The new train, which will be of the type similar to the "Flying Hamburger," will be operated on a schedule requiring an average speed of about 78 miles per hour. At the outset of the new service only one train will be available and this will make the run from Frankfort to Berlin in the early morning, returning in the evening. If the service proves successful additional units of the same type will be installed.

## Roper Sees Progress Toward Transportation Co-ordination

WASHINGTON, D. C.

**A**N optimistic statement as to prospects for a complete policy of transportation co-ordination is given by Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce, in a foreword to a report just published by the Transportation Division of the Department of Commerce of a survey of "Railway and Highway Transportation Abroad," undertaken by the President's Transportation Committee, of which Secretary Roper is chairman. The statement outlines the activities of various committees that have been appointed, Mr. Roper says, to effectuate the transportation proposals included in Mr. Roosevelt's speech at Salt Lake City on September 17, 1932, including the special committee that drafted the emergency transportation act of 1933 before it was amended at the demand of the railroad labor organizations, and the President's Transportation Committee, appointed after the passage of the emergency act and the appointment of Joseph B. Eastman as federal coordinator.

Up to date little has been heard of the President's committee and it is understood that Mr. Eastman's organization has been doing most of the studying, but Mr. Roper's statement connects it with the various legislative proposals that have already been made or adopted and adds that "to the next Congress there will probably be recommended legislation rounding out the President's transportation program fostering an adequate national system of transport." "From these activities," he says, "it would appear that the administration has initiated measures looking forward to the fulfillment of its original pledge for railway rehabilitation, and it is expected that, with the completion during the coming year of the various projects now being studied, the existing transportation structure will be made to conform approximately to the lines of current economic progress, for the general benefit of the carriers themselves and the country as a whole."

After referring to the passage of the emergency act, Mr. Roper continues:

Concurrently with his approval of the Emergency Transportation Act the President requested further research in the transportation field. He wrote: "It is my desire that a comprehensive study be made between now and the convening of the next session of Congress on the transportation situation, including rail, motor bus and truck, air, waterways, and pipelines in interstate commerce."

To fulfill this duty the President's Transportation Committee was organized, composed of the Secretary of Commerce as chairman; Hon. Clarence C. Dill, chairman Interstate Commerce Committee of the United States Senate; and Hon. Sam Rayburn, chairman Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives, in advisory capacities; and Dr. W. M. W. Splawn, vice chairman; Dr. John Dickinson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce; Jesse Jones, chairman Reconstruction Finance Corporation; Joseph B. Eastman, Federal Coordinator of Transportation; Gen. T. Q. Ashburn, president Inland Waterways Corporation; Frank McManamy, Interstate Commerce Commission; E. B. Collins, representative of the Department of Justice; and Thomas H. MacDonald, Chief, Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Agriculture. This group was concerned with the task of carrying on the work of the previous committees and supplementing the legislative and administrative steps already taken with additional measures, if such seemed advisable. Thus this committee in its regular meetings developed other policies tending to effectuate the administration's program for railway rehabilitation.

Believing that it would be advisable to ascertain the experiences of foreign countries in connection with similar problems, the chairman of the committee directed the Transportation Division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Com-

merce to undertake a survey for this purpose. This study forms the basis for the report contained in the succeeding pages.

The President on April 20, 1934, designated a committee composed of the Attorney General, the Secretary of Labor, and the Secretary of Commerce to make a study of the railroads' capital structure. This work is now being carried on for the committee by the Federal Coordinator of Transportation.

It will be seen that the committees have been cooperative and helpful in working out with the appropriate congressional committees the legislation which would put into effect the policies outlined by the President in his speech at Salt Lake City and in his messages to the Congress. New railway labor legislation has been enacted for the purpose of settling disputes between carriers and employees and establishing new machinery to replace the old Board of Railway Mediation. Legislation providing for a new railroad pension system has been enacted. Legislation providing for the regulation of competing forms of transport in interstate commerce has been introduced in both the Senate and the House, and also has been recommended by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Existing consolidation plans have been considered and a specific program developed by the Coordinator's staff, which, although it has not been definitely recommended for legislative action, is receiving the attention of the committee. In addition, the Government has aided the railways through the furtherance of Reconstruction Finance Corporation loans and the facilities made available to them by means of Public Works Administration funds.

### Introduction by W. Rodney Long

The introduction to the report, a study of existing conditions, recent competitive measures, and co-ordination policies, by W. Rodney Long, begins as follows:

A world-wide movement designed to effect national coordination of land, air, and water transportation is under way. It began on a broad scale less than 3 years ago, but so rapidly has it progressed that today coordination either is being tested or approached in virtually every country of importance which has rail lines.

The plan was recently brought to the forefront in the United States when President Roosevelt communicated to Congress his unqualified indorsement of it. Simultaneously, a detailed program for coordination of all land, water, and air services within the Nation was submitted by Transportation Coordinator Eastman.

Most sponsors of the movement insist that only through coordination can an oversupply of service, with consequent losses to owners, operators, and users, be avoided. Too much service in many places, they contend, has been detrimental to transportation. Adjustment of services to the actual needs of users, by scrapping, coordination, and strengthening, is vital, they insist. If all of these steps cannot be taken, it is further urged, at least all forms of transit should be placed under common regulation.

Not all those behind the movement take this broad view, however. Many frankly urge legislation designed solely to protect rail lines against competition. This position has been particularly evident in countries where rail lines are government-owned.

Much opposition to coordination sprang from those interested in highway, air, and water carriers. Among highway and air carriers, particularly, there is in some instances the contention that their services are meeting new public requirements and that for the present they should not be subjected to regulation, especially as to rates. Many water carriers insist that they act as protectors to shippers against alleged exorbitant rates by rail carriers and, therefore, should be permitted to operate without restrictions as to rates and regulations.

In almost all countries outside of the United States, the majority of rail lines are state-owned and often state-operated. Naturally in such situations government officials have exerted strong efforts to aid them by coordinating measures. Also being in a favorable position to enforce such legislation, they have obtained results which might not have been so successful under other conditions. Coordination movements, however, are not confined wholly to countries where rail properties are publicly owned. Canada, which has both publicly and privately owned rail lines, has empowered its Board of Railway Commissioners to meet competition from highway carriers through tariff changes.

Coordination has had its most extended test and proved most successful in Germany. In an address before a Road Congress in Munich in September, 1934, Reichsminister Hess declared that, as a result of the working out of legislation in effect for several years, the problem of transit coordination had practically ceased to exist. The grouping of representatives of all forms of transportation under a Federal Trade Council, as well as the building of arterial highways, brought encouraging results.

Improved conditions of the New Zealand railways also are

attributed to the successful operation of a transit licensing plan put into effect under the supervision of a Transport Coordination Board. Railway revenues from both passenger and freight traffic have increased. Gross revenue increased during the year ended March 31, 1934, for the first time since 1929.

Here follows a resume showing how coordination is progressing in virtually every country in the world which has rail lines outside of the United States. The total rail mileage represented in these summaries is between 275,000 and 300,000. Details of the movements in different countries are dealt with more extensively in other parts of this report.

## Pelley Finds Co-ordinator No Longer Needed

WASHINGTON, D. C.

"**S**INCE the railroads have established an authoritative organization to manage their own affairs within the industry, the office of federal co-ordinator is no longer needed," said J. J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroads, in a radio address over the Columbia Broadcasting System on March 7. Furthermore, he said, "the railroads object to the idea of a federal co-ordinator with power to exercise authority without responsibility in the domain of management." Mr. Pelley also urged the enactment of the bills prepared by Mr. Eastman for the regulation of highway and motor transportation and opposed the bills introduced in Congress at the instance of the railroad labor organizations.

"All we ask," Mr. Pelley said, "is that Congress and the state legislatures give us equality of opportunity in the field of competition with other forms of transportation and also prevent the enactment of burdensome legislation. Given these things, the rising tide of prosperity will find the railroads again on a sure foundation and contributing to increased prosperity through a volume of purchases probably unequalled by any other single industry."

### A. A. R. Has Broad Powers

Mr. Pelley explained that the board of directors of the association has authority to assume jurisdiction not only of disputes among carriers but "to do everything for the industry and the general public interest that can be done within the industry itself," saying, "it is a bold experiment in co-operation in the face of a critical situation. While it makes no sensational bid for popularity, and will enter upon no course of action merely for the notoriety it may thereby secure, it expects to proceed with due care, and along lines approved by experience and common sense, yet it is alive to the necessity for constructive action in line with modern thought, however great may be the departure from precedent." Mr. Pelley also said:

We are being told constantly that the railroads are in a bad way; that more miles of road are in bankruptcy than ever before; that they are heavy borrowers from the government and that they are not earning rentals and interest on the money they have borrowed. It can not be denied that the condition of the railroad industry, in common with many other forms of business, is far from satisfactory. The railroads have suffered from the depression, yes. Their gross receipts have been cut in half. And yet, they have managed by a remarkable display of skill to reduce their operating expenses in the same proportion that their revenues have decreased, without impairing the efficiency of the service. Indeed, they have speeded up their trains, rendered them more

comfortable by air-cooling, expanded their program of electrification and installed at considerable cost new stream-lined, light-weight passenger trains to promote speed and economy. Railroad management is justly proud of the record of the rails during the greatest business depression in history. True, we have borrowed from the government. But all these loans are well secured and will be paid promptly with the return of normal conditions, just as more than twice the sum now due was repaid to the government after the period of federal control.

### Regulation Has Gone Near to Limit

But the depression is not the only source of railroad difficulties. We are dealing with a business affected with the public interest, which, under our political system, the government has the right to regulate for the public good. In the case of the railroads, public regulation has gone very nearly to the limit. Our rates are fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission: this determines our income. The wages of our employees, if not fixed by agreement between the parties interested, are subject to review by government boards, and the prices we pay for materials and supplies are influenced by codes under government direction. These two items largely determine our expenses. We pay good wages, observe decent hours of labor, and take every precaution for the safety of patrons and employees.

In recent years, as we all know, there has been a tremendous increase in highway and waterway traffic, at the expense of the railroads. Of this we have no right to complain, if the conditions of competition are fair. No one for a moment questions the right of the American people to use that form of transportation which is most economical and best suited to their needs. But when we remember that in normal times probably seven million people look to the railroad payrolls for direct support; that more than four billion dollars of railroad securities are owned by savings banks, life insurance companies and like institutions in the welfare of which probably forty per cent of our people are interested, we catch a glimpse of the importance of the subject, and the necessity for fair treatment in regulation.

The railroads furnish and maintain their own roadway and, in normal times, pay nearly a million dollars a day in taxes, all of which goes to the general purpose of government. Out of every dollar taken in by the railroads, 34 cents is paid out for taxes and for interest on the investment in and maintenance of the roadbed. The buses and trucks, according to reports of such state regulatory commissions as maintain records, pay less than 10 cents out of every dollar they collect for taxes and the right to use the public highways.

This gives us some idea of the advantages enjoyed by trucks in having the use of our splendid highways built and maintained at public expense. The commercial water carriers are favored to an equal if not greater extent, enjoying as they do the free use of waterways upon the improvement of which the taxpayers have poured out their money. When we are told that highway and waterway transport is cheaper than rail, are we not forgetting that the average citizen is paying out in taxes for the benefit of highway and waterway operators more than he is saving in freight charges?

### Trucks Enjoy Rate-Making Freedom

I am sure that all my hearers understand that the railroads can not bargain for traffic. They are required by law to establish their rates by filing them with the Interstate Commerce Commission and when so filed these

rates have all the force and effect of law. They can not change these rates except upon 30 days' notice, unless the commission, by special permission, permits a shorter notice. Furthermore, the commission may prohibit changes in rates and this power it often exercises. But the trucks in the case of interstate traffic, a substantial part of the whole, may make what rates they please by special contract and independent of all control. In this way, they can skim the cream of the traffic while the railroad looks helplessly on.

#### **Code Regulation Ineffective**

Again, except for such restrictions as are supplied by the codes, many of the trucks pay such wages and observe such hours of labor as they choose. You are as well qualified as I to say whether code regulation is effective.

The railroads, on the other hand, are governed by law as to hours of service and by agreement with organized labor as to wage scales, which have almost, if not quite, the force and effect of law. What is true of traffic on the highway is equally true of water transport. No extended argument is necessary to convince you that these conditions do not make for fair, open and equal competition. It must be obvious also, that there can be no test of what form of transportation in a given case is really most economical until there is equality of opportunity, and until all hidden costs are brought to the surface.

There are pending now in Congress two bills which, in the public interest, should promptly be enacted into law. One is a bill to regulate commercial highway transport and the other is a bill to regulate commercial haulage by water. Both were prepared by the Federal Coordinator of Transportation, Mr. Eastman, and both have been strongly approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission. This regulation is advocated by the state public utility commissions, the United States Chamber of Commerce, the Transportation Conference, the organized railroad workers, a majority of common carrier operators on land and water, and a large portion of the shipping public. I make an earnest appeal to my radio listeners that you make your influence felt for these wholesome measures.

#### **Prospective Burden of Rail Labor Bills**

There have also been introduced in this session of Congress, at the instance of railroad labor leaders, bills to make six hours, with eight hours' pay, the standard day for railroad labor, to limit the length of trains and add to the number of men required on certain classes of trains, and other measures, all of which would add to the expense of operation of the railroads in excess of one billion dollars per year. These measures would have the effect of adding only to the expense—nothing whatever to the safety or efficiency of operation. The railroads could not pay such a bill of increased costs and the traffic of the country should not be called upon to bear any such burden.

In June, 1933, Congress enacted the Emergency Transportation Act, administered by a Co-ordinator, sounding an emphatic note in favor of economy through coordination and consolidation of service. The law specifically provides that the number of employees in the service shall not be reduced below the number in service during May, 1933, nor shall any employee be in a worse position as to compensation than in May, 1933, by reason of any action taken under the co-ordinator act. Largely on account of these provisions, the results under the law have been disappointing.

## **Odds and Ends . . .**

#### **A Real Railroad Enthusiast**

Six miles of railway, complete with rails, fastenings and ties was stolen in Poland recently, according to foreign dispatches. Ah, well, the holiday season was approaching and some fond fathers will do anything to provide adequate Christmas gifts for their sons.

#### **Forced Landing**

Railway stock cars have been used for many purposes, but it remained for Pilot Jasper Jones, of Menard, Texas, to use one as a landing field. This took place at Sonora, Texas, on the Pan Handle & Santa Fe recently. Both the airplane and the stock car are considerably the worse for wear, but the pilot and his two passengers were uninjured.

#### **The Strange Plight of Carbon, Ind.**

When the wind blows from the northwest, residents of Carbon and adjacent rural routes do not get their mail until after a day's delay. There have been so many northwest winds this winter that there is much complaining. Investigations reveal that the Carbon mail usually is thrown off at the station from a fast train. When the wind is from the northwest the locomotive smoke is blown down through the mail coach's open door. The railway mail clerks cannot see the town of Carbon. Rather than drop the mail sack into the open country, those clerks carry it through to Terre Haute, whence it returns the following day.

#### **Champion Commuter Dies**

When Attorney Wilson D. Crabb died at his home in Smithfield, Ky., recently, the Louisville & Nashville lost a patron whose record as a commuter probably stands alone. Almost daily for the past 35 years "Judge" Crabb, as he was affectionately known to the trainmen, commuted between Smithfield, where he lived, and Louisville, where he practiced law. In making the 80-mile round trip Mr. Crabb spent about three hours on the train. It is estimated that in his 35 years of commuting he traveled more than 800,000 miles and consumed more than 1,300 days of 24 hours doing it. In commuter fares he paid the company about \$7,000.

#### **World's Largest Bridge Opened**

On January 14, the first passenger train passed over the newly completed Lower Zambezi bridge, which is now called the longest bridge in the world. The Zambezi bridge took 3½ years to build, and cost approximately \$10,000,000. It is the last link in the chain which provides Nyasaland and Portuguese East Africa with an unbroken railway transportation route from Lake Nyasa to the port of Beira, a distance of 520 miles.

The total length of the bridge is 12,064 ft., 1,537 ft. longer than the Tay bridge, and 3,764 ft. longer than the Forth bridge. The 33 main spans rest on concrete piers sunk 120 ft. below the surface of the river, and as river steamers will continue to ply between Chinde at the mouth of the Zambezi and Tete, above the bridge, the clearance for navigation at maximum high flood level is 27 ft. The bridge carries a single railway track and a pedestrian footpath, but no motor road is included. The bridge was built by the Cleveland Bridge Company, of Darlington, England, which built the Victoria Falls bridge.

It has been said that the construction of railways in Central and East Africa has cost a life a tie. The Cleveland Bridge Company, when embarking upon its contract, determined to do everything possible to maintain health. The construction camp was declared a closed area, and within it most rigorous measures were introduced and maintained for combating the mosquito and the fly. Thus, at the end of nearly four years, there has been practically no sickness among the 6,000 native employees, and among the European staff, young men brought direct from England, there has not been a single case of malaria. This on the very bank of the Zambezi, notorious for the toll of life it has taken with malaria and blackwater.—*London Times*.

# NEWS

## Railway Net for January a Return of 1.5 Per Cent

Compares with 2.16 per cent return  
for corresponding month  
of last year

The net railway operating income of the Class I railroads in January amounted to \$21,348,557, which for that month was at the annual rate of return of 1.50 per cent on their property investment, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Bureau of Railway Economics of the Association of American Railroads. In January, 1934, their net railway operating income amounted to \$31,058,275 or 2.16 per cent. Operating revenues for January amounted to \$264,213,172 compared with \$258,014,517 in January, 1934, or an increase of 2.4 per cent. Operating expenses totaled \$212,971,508, compared with \$195,866,222 in the same month last year, or an increase of 8.7 per cent. Class I railroads in January paid \$19,868,948 in taxes, a decrease of \$766,326 or 3.7 per cent under the same month last year.

Sixty-one Class I railroads operated at a deficit in January, of which 13 were in the Eastern district, 15 in the Southern and 33 in the Western.

The net railway operating income in the Eastern district in January was \$19,309,156, at the rate of 2.84 per cent. For the same month in 1934, their net was \$21,267,623 or 3.11 per cent. Operating revenues in the Eastern district in January totaled \$140,289,062, an increase of 3.6 per cent over the corresponding period the year before, while operating expenses totaled \$106,217,477, an increase of 7.4 per cent.

Class I railroads in the Southern district in January had a net of \$2,756,082, at the rate of 1.12 per cent. For the same month

ing deficit amounting to \$716,681. In January, 1934, their net railway operating income amounted to \$4,518,291, at the rate of 0.89 per cent. Operating revenues in the Western district in January totaled \$89,569,970, an increase of 1.8 per cent above January, 1934, while operating expenses totaled \$78,457,072, an increase of 10.3 per cent.

### Colton Heads Traffic Club of Baltimore

R. C. Colton, traffic agent for the Western Electric Company, became president of the Traffic Club of Baltimore at the club's twenty-second annual President's Dinner and Inaugural Ball, held on March 5 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md. Other officers elected for the ensuing year are: First vice-president, T. E. Riley, district manager, Export Steamship Lines; second vice-president, G. E. C. Garrett, passenger representative, Pennsylvania; treasurer, J. H. Bell, freight representative, Southern; secretary, C. F. Johnston, secretary, Locks Insulator Company.

### Billion Dollar Burden Threatened by Labor Bills

The Association of American Railroads has issued a statement saying that passage of the program of legislation being pressed in this Congress by the executives of the railway labor organizations would increase the operating expenses of railroads by considerably more than one billion dollars a year, without adding anything to the service, safety, efficiency or revenues of railroads.

"The \$597,000,000 a year that would be added to railroad expenses by the six-hour day bill alone," the association points out, "is more than the entire amount of interest paid by the railroads on their total funded and unfunded debt. The total added cost from passage of all the bills would be

## Final Hearings on Motor Carrier Regulatory Bill

Concluding sessions held this week  
by Senate committee and  
House sub-committee

Hearings on the bill recommended by Co-ordinator Eastman to provide for federal regulation of motor carriers were concluded this week before the Senate committee on interstate commerce and a sub-committee of the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce, with testimony by representatives of the carriers concerned, the shippers, and railroad labor organizations. Most of the witnesses who have appeared have favored regulation of truck and bus transportation but comparatively few have not objected to many features of the bill on the ground that they are unduly restrictive or difficult to enforce. Representatives of the trucking industry have urged the need for regulation to bring about stability in rates but have asked that the legislation be framed to place the emphasis on "self-regulation" through code authorities, subject to "supervision" by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Testimony of shippers has taken a wide range as to the degree of regulation desired.

The Senate committee expected to take up on March 11 the water carrier bill, but Senator Copeland, chairman of the commerce committee, has made a request that the bill be referred to his committee.

Senator Wheeler said he would invite members of the other committee to participate in the hearings before his committee.

The members of the Congressional committees who have asked the most questions during the hearing have shown little enthusiasm for the bill. Although some of them seem to recognize the need for some regulation of motor transportation the general attitude appears to be in opposition to placing many restrictions on the large number of individuals who operate their own trucks or to regulation which would cause them to increase their rates, although representatives of the truckers have testified that rate-cutting and "chiselling" are the chief problems of the industry.

The fact that Mr. Eastman's findings as to the extent to which highway and water transportation are subsidized have been delayed has left the hearings to be conducted in an atmosphere which makes it possible for members of Congress to treat the proposed legislation as an effort to interfere with "cheap" transportation.

Senator Wheeler said at one point that

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CLASS I RAILROADS—UNITED STATES			
Month of January			
Total operating revenues.....	1935	1934	Per Cent Increase
Total operating expenses.....	\$264,213,172	\$258,014,517	2.4
Taxes .....	212,971,508	195,866,222	8.7
Net railway operating income.....	19,868,948	20,635,274	3.7 Dec.
Operating ratio—per cent.....	21,348,557	31,058,275	31.3 Dec.
Rate of return on property investment—per cent.....	80.61	75.91	..
	1.50	2.16	..

in 1934, their net amounted to \$5,272,361, at the rate of 2.11 per cent. Operating revenues in the Southern district in January totaled \$34,354,140, a decrease of 0.7 per cent under the same month in 1934, while operating expenses totaled \$28,296,959, which was an increase of 9.7 per cent.

Class I railroads in the Western district in January had a net railway operat-

more than \$1,000,000,000 a year. How could the railroads, under today's conditions, carry such a burden? Passage of such bills would mean the collapse of the railroads, with the most serious consequences to those who work for them, the shippers who use them, and those who have money invested in them. The issue is now before the Congress of United States."

## More Railroad Resistance Than Help, Says Eastman

Co-ordinator finds them more zealous to prove that conclusions of his staff are wrong

In an address before the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York on March 7, Joseph B. Eastman, federal co-ordinator of transportation said that the railroads had seemed to him more zealous to prove that his staff was wrong in its conclusions and recommendations than to find, with the help of their reports, ways and means of improvement, and that "their attitude, in short has been one of defense." He said the railroads had co-operated in making the inquiries but that when it came to utilizing the results the situation was different and that "from the beginning there has been a feeling of pulling against dead weight or even against active resistance." Differences of opinion were to be expected, he said, "but not a wholly negative response. Yet we have had much more of the negative than of the affirmative." Referring to the proposal for the handling of merchandise traffic he said, "they will have none of it but offer nothing in its place," and as to the passenger traffic report, "while there has been no sufficient time as yet for a formal response to our report, the reaction which we have had from the railroads has generally been one of resentment." As to some other proposals he said, "we have had more resistance than help from the railroads," and while he indicated a hope that the Association of American Railroads may bring about a change he said that "whether the leadership for such policies, and especially for the necessary co-operation, exists in the industry remains to be seen."

After outlining his legislative program, Mr. Eastman said that if the railroads and other transportation agencies are to remain in private hands, "I am able to propose no other program for their successful future operation than the one which I have outlined to you. If this effort fails, then I see no escape from the conclusion that the federal government must assume more direct and immediate responsibility for the functioning of our transportation system. If the railroad managements and their conservative business friends wish to avoid this contingency, they must act boldly and aggressively and with the degree of enterprise and initiative that the hope of private profit is commonly supposed to inspire."

Mr. Eastman said that one very real ground of objection to public regulation has been neglected. "The tendency of regulation is not only to divert the attention of management but also to divert attention from management. Those who are financially interested in the railroads and constitute the private ownership concentrate their attention on Washington. That is where, they are led to believe, the railroad devil resides. If anything goes wrong with the railroads, it is because Washington has been misbehaving, and they come to think of railroad salvation in terms of rate increases."

"It is very desirable that Washington

should operate in the limelight, and I do not object even to the searchlight. We need attention. Nevertheless I suggest that it is not well to forget that the railroad industry is subject to the same maladies as attack other forms of business and to the same natural laws. It may not be amiss, now and then, to look for ills elsewhere than in public regulation. There may have been, here and there, a deficiency in enterprise and initiative, a failure to recognize and meet new conditions, too much unwise competition, too great expenditures on grandiose projects, or an absence of sound commercial sense in the pricing and marketing of the products. If there were no regulation, that is where the trouble-hunter would look. I suggest that regulation does not remove the need for such search."

### Western Grain Rates Postponed

On the ground that the railroads are physically unable to comply by April 1 with its order of October 22, 1934, prescribing a revision of western grain rates the Interstate Commerce Commission has postponed the effective date until June 1.

### Pacific Northwest Shippers' Board

The Pacific Northwest shippers' advisory board will hold its spring meeting in Portland, Oregon, on March 22. C. S. Duncan, economist for the Association of American Railroads will be the principal speaker while C. H. Deitrich, executive vice chairman of the Freight Claim division of the association will speak on freight claim prevention.

### Terms of Interstate Commerce Commissioners

The House on March 4 passed the bill recommended by the Interstate Commerce Commission providing that upon the expiration of his term a commissioner shall continue to serve until his successor is qualified but not beyond the end of the next regular session of Congress, nor, if his successor is not nominated by the 15th day of such regular session, after such 15th day.

### Traffic on "400" Gains in February

Carrying an average daily load of 336 passengers for the north and southbound trips combined, the Chicago & North Western's "400" exceeded in its second month of operation the daily average of the first month by 20 passengers per day on its round trips between Chicago and the Twin Cities. The total for February was 9,356 passengers, which fell only 120 short of the January total of 9,478, although January had two more operating days. The total for the two months is 18,834. The record day was February 21, when 513 passengers were carried. During February 5,530 meals were served in the dining cars, as compared with 5,921 meals in January.

On March 3 a lounge car containing a lounge section and a 14-seat parlor section was added to the train to replace one of the coaches, due to the demand for parlor car seats. If the demand for coach seats should increase, the train will be increased to seven cars.

## Coal Industry Regulation Opposed by the Railroads

Duncan makes statement on pending bill before Senate interstate commerce committee

Enactment of the bill introduced by Senator Guffey of Pennsylvania for the regulation of the bituminous coal industry was opposed on behalf of the railroads in a statement to the Senate interstate commerce committee on February 28 by Dr. C. S. Duncan, economist of the Association of American Railroads. He charged that the bill is not in the public interest, that it will increase the cost of coal to consumers and enable the bituminous coal industry "under the cloak of an industry affected with public interest" to escape from the anti-trust law and "consolidate monopolistic powers." Dr. Duncan told the committee that the railroads are opposed to the bill on the following grounds:

"It extends the power of regulation, by an industry-controlled organization, to railroad captive mines, which are in the nature of plant facilities, and unnecessarily and unjustifiably and contrary to the best interests of an essential public utility so as to interfere with the most efficient and economical operation of such mines.

"It would increase railroad operating costs. A partisan regulatory body is provided for which will dictate to rail carriers at what price they may secure their coal.

"This regulatory body would also have the power, and is directed to exercise it, to dictate to a very large extent at which mines the rail carriers may secure their coal. This would take from the railroad management its right to purchase this commodity without artificial restrictions, a freedom which the carriers have with respect to all other commodities, and a freedom which is essential to their economical and efficient operation.

"Substitutes for bituminous coal have for years been crowding it in all markets. The provisions of this bill would give them new impetus. As carriers of coal the railroads would further suffer a decline in tonnage and revenues.

"The bill provides that the consumers of coal shall carry the burden of expense, through taxation, of the rehabilitation of the bituminous industry, validating investments whether wise or unwise, caring for displaced and unemployed miners, and otherwise transferring managerial and labor leader's responsibility from the industry itself.

"In its entire conception the bill is inconsistent with the responsibilities of a public utility and the regulation of such a public service industry in the public interest.

"So vital," said Dr. Duncan, "is coal to the operation of a railroad that, despite all difficulties, complexities and obstacles in the way, a carrier must be assured of a continuous supply. Any interference in the fields of purchase of fuel supplies, which have been carefully selected by the railroads, could result in nothing but an interruption to the present efficient and economical railroad operation. It is not be-

lieved that the shippers of the country would willingly see legislative action taken which would imperil in any way the high standard of transportation service which is now being rendered them, nor would they support legislative action which would unnecessarily increase the operating expenses of the rail carriers and call for increased rates. The railroads obviously want to see the bituminous coal industry revived; they want to see it prosper; they want coal to move by rail in ever increasing volume."

Dr. Duncan estimated that the bill would bring about an increase of from seven to ten million dollars per year in the fuel bill of the railroads "and thus compel an industry which itself has an important unemployment problem to aid in the financing of the unemployment and rehabilitation problem of an independent industry."

Referring to the provision in the bill authorizing the National Bituminous Coal Commission to pass upon the extension of railroad facilities for the service of any mine producing bituminous coal, Dr. Duncan said, that "this is an attempt to remove from the Interstate Commerce Commission that has the responsibility for regulating rail carriers both as to rates and service, a duty which belongs to them and to them alone." If such a provision is to be required, he said, it also should be made applicable both to waterway and highway transportation.

"There is," continued Dr. Duncan, "a further consideration which experience has shown the rail carriers. Regulation of an industry does not secure stability within that industry or provide anything other than a strait-jacket, unless and until corresponding regulations are applied to competitive substitutes. The bituminous coal industry might take warning from this experience. It seems inevitable that the plan devised by this bill for giving the bituminous coal industry monopolistic powers under the guise of regulation will prove to be a bitter disappointment unless the regulatory powers are administered in the public interest and even then unless corresponding regulations are applied to their competitive substitutes."

#### **Shipping Board Bureau to Consider Seatrail Authorization**

The Shipping Board Bureau of the Department of Commerce has announced a hearing to be held at Washington on March 20 on the application of Seatrail Lines, Inc., that it make permanent the temporary authority heretofore granted to it to carry on coastwise trade between New York and New Orleans via Havana. The hearing is to afford interested parties an opportunity to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted.

#### **Light For Railway Service**

An analysis of experiments under way throughout the country for lighting railway coaches will be presented by Alvin L. Powell, president, Illuminating Engineering Society, at the meeting of the New York Railroad Club, to be held March 15, at 7:45 p.m., in the Engineering Societies Building, 29 West Thirty-ninth street, New York City. The speaker will be introduced by Samuel G. Hibben, director of

Applied Lighting Westinghouse Lamp Company. The subject of Mr. Powell's presentation is "Artificial Light—the Engineer's Greatest Gift to Mankind." It will consist of a spectacular demonstration of modern forms of electric lighting, and will also deal specifically with railroad requirements.

The presentation is being made through the co-operation of the following manufacturers: General Electric Company, Westinghouse Company, Kriegel Bros., National Carbon Company, Claude Neon Company and others.

#### **N.I.T.L. Executive Committee Opposes Many of Eastman's Proposals**

A position in opposition to the continuance of the federal co-ordinator of transportation beyond the time limit of the present law, June 16, was taken by the executive committee of the National Industrial Traffic League at a meeting in Washington on March 5, held to consider the attitude to be taken before Congressional committees on various features of the Eastman legislative program. It was the view of the committee that many of the functions of the co-ordinator can be performed by the Interstate Commerce Commission but it did not favor giving the commission additional powers for the purpose of requiring co-ordination, on the ground that the Association of American Railroads should be given an opportunity to carry out the purposes of that organization as they have been announced. The position of the committee was expressed in the form of revisions of a report of the legislative committee.

In the event federal regulation of the rates and services of unregulated transportation agencies shall be undertaken the committee recommends that such regulation be administered by distinct divisions of the Interstate Commerce Commission, proposing that where cases arise involving more than one of such agencies the divisions affected shall create a special division composed of members of each to dispose of them. It is proposed that the chairmen elected by the three divisions shall constitute a general policy board whose jurisdiction could be invoked by any of the divisions but not by litigants. The committee particularly opposed the Eastman plan for a permanent chairman, appointed by the President, and for a control board.

The committee also expressed opposition to the dismissal compensation, six-hour day, train limit, and full-crew bills, and others proposed by the labor organizations.

#### **Proposed Transport Legislation**

The bill recommended by Co-ordinator Eastman in his report of January 30 to amend the bankruptcy law in relation to railroad reorganizations has been introduced in the House by Representative Summers, of Texas, chairman of the judiciary committee, and referred to a sub-committee. As introduced the bill includes some changes from the form included in Mr. Eastman's report, as a result of discussions with Mr. Eastman and his staff. Whereas the original draft had provided that a plan of reorganization should provide for a reduction of fixed charges to an

amount not in excess of 80 per cent of the average income available for that purpose during the worst three consecutive years of the ten-year period preceding passage of the act, the bill as introduced provides for the reduction of the fixed charges to such an amount that, "after due consideration of the probable and prospective earnings of the property in the light of its recent earning experience and other relevant facts, there shall be adequate coverage of such fixed charges by the probable earnings available for the payment thereof." Another change provides for consent to a re-organization plan by creditors representing two-thirds of the amount of the claims instead of 50 per cent.

The Senate appropriations committee, to which the President's \$4,000,000,000 work-relief resolution was re-committed on February 22, reported the resolution back to the Senate on March 5 in revised form, including a provision "ear-marking" in a general way some of the principal groups of projects to be covered. This provides that not to exceed \$800,000,000 shall be available for highways, roads, streets and grade crossing elimination but there is also a provision allowing the President to exceed the amounts named by 20 per cent.

The Senate committee on interstate commerce has referred to a sub-committee the various bills proposed by the Railway Labor Executives' Association, including the six-hour day, full-crew, and train-limit bills.

#### **Assails High-Pressure Political Methods of Labor Leaders**

Blaming "rigid, oppressive" government regulation and labor's increasing political domination for the present financial crisis confronting the railroads, Milton W. Harrison, president of the Security Owners Association, speaking before the Minneapolis Traffic Club on February 28, warned that only prompt Congressional action could prevent a credit collapse which might eventuate in government ownership.

Liberalization of the Government's lending policy to railroads, creation of an equipment corporation to aid in rehabilitating railroad motive power and rolling stock, together with the launching of a program of consolidations, were urged by Mr. Harrison as remedies for the transportation emergency.

"A combination of the influences of depression, rigid regulatory policy, labor domination and unregulated competition, has resulted in a collapse of railroad credit," Mr. Harrison declared. "Government ownership is thus more likely to arrive by the back door instead of the front, without any real sentiment in favor of such a policy having been shown by the public."

Censuring labor bills recently introduced into Congress for the six-hour day, limiting train length, hours of service and other measures, Mr. Harrison said:

"Ever since 1916, the railroad labor unions, through their control of more than a million and a half member voters, concentrated for the most part in strategic Congressional districts, have exercised increasing power over the national legislature.

"No one questions railroad labor's right

to a high wage commensurate with the skill required or what revenues are able to bear. But such a proposition is quite different from utilizing the power of the state, through organized political pressure, to exact tribute over and beyond the capacity of the railroads to pay, when such acts unbalance and endanger the whole existing economy.

"When politics is injected into the relations between management and labor, there can be only one outcome. Cooperation in the solution of common problems becomes virtually impossible; antagonism and distrust replaces that harmony and understanding which should prevail among men who spend practically their entire lives shoulder to shoulder in the same enterprise.

"For the situation that has developed on the railroads, management must accept its share of responsibility. The autocratic tradition, understandable in an industry which must maintain almost military discipline in order to move trains on split-second schedules, has outlived its usefulness. Management has been slow to sense that new times require new methods. Lacking the proper perspective, it has often played directly into the hands of labor politicians and been forced in the end to yield much more than if a more reasonable, conciliatory course had been pursued."

Discussing financial needs of the railroads Mr. Harrison declared:

"For the industry as a whole the principal factor is under-maintenance of the properties and the gradual deterioration of rolling stock and equipment during the six years of depression. With the present low levels of traffic, this may not be of serious consequence; but with any revival in business, the railroad plant must be restored quickly to an efficient operating basis. This will require expenditure of large sums of capital, which can be obtained only in part from increased traffic revenues.

"Provision of some temporary financing, as a bridge-over to a restored earning-power, would thus seem a necessity. With the present impairment of railroad credit, it would appear that only the government, through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, could supply these needs. Precedent exists for such action in the course taken in 1919 when the government, after war-time operation, relinquished control of the railroads.

"With regard to companies facing possible reorganization, national policy must be defined with extreme care. Railroads, which have had a deficiency of not more than 20 per cent in meeting their fixed charges during the acute phases of the depression, should not be allowed to become bankrupt. The deflationary forces thus set in motion would do much to offset progress toward recovery made during the past year. A way must be found to meet this emergency without general recourse to the bankruptcy court. Some common program of action must be agreed upon, fair to equity holders as well as to bond holders, which will prevent any widespread break-down in railroad finance. We must overcome the present attitude of 'defeatism' by bringing to bear constructive remedies for this temporary situation."

## Final Hearings on Motor Carrier Regulatory Bill

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there was quite a decided feeling among members of Congress that there should be no regulation of motor vehicle transportation on the ground that it is a new industry but that his own view was that something should be done by Congress to provide a start toward regulation and enable the commission to study the problem.

R. V. Fletcher, general counsel of the Association of American Railroads, appeared before the Senate committee on March 5, making a statement similar to that he had made before the House committee.

E. S. Brashears, general counsel of the American Trucking Associations, attempted to describe before the Senate committee the methods of operation under the truck code, as he had before the House committee, but Senator Wheeler cut this part of his testimony short, saying he thought it entirely impractical to write the code provisions into the proposed legislation. Mr. Brashears said the position of the association was that the I.C.C. should be enlarged and divided into divisions as proposed by Co-ordinator Eastman; that there should be an officer similar to the co-ordinator to act as administrator under the code; that provision should be made for establishment of actual rates by agreement and approval by the I.C.C. which would become the mandatory rates, and that in the absence of mandatory rates no member should be allowed to charge less than cost; that provision should be made for registration as under the code; and that the supervision of the co-ordinator should be extended to rates and the election of code authorities.

When Mr. Brashears pointed out that the code provides for an average of 48 hours a week for labor, with no daily limitation, except as provided by state law, Senator Wheeler said there ought to be some limitation on hours in the interest of public safety. Mr. Brashears said that the principal weakness of the code and the gravest problem of the industry was the absence of provision for rate-fixing, although the code requires the filing of minimum rates with state code authorities and contains a provision prohibiting charges less than the cost of service as determined by a cost formula. He said there had been many complaints from shippers, from within the industry, and from competing carriers because of the inadequacy and instability of rates and that the industry feels that, subject to proper supervision, there ought to be rates established by agreement. He said that a large number of the smaller operators do not know their costs and that they make reduced rates which may be met by the railroads and thus force down rates charged by other operators; also that the common-carrier operators who have to operate over routes whether they have sufficient business or not have even greater difficulty in determining their costs. However, he said, he was amazed that any one should expect any successful enforcement from the bill as set up and he predicted

that without proper enforcement its restrictions would create more "bootleggers" of transportation than there were of liquor.

L. F. Orr, chairman of the highway transportation committee of the National Industrial Traffic League, said that his organization, by a slight majority, had favored "reasonable and logical regulation of highway transportation," but that the co-ordinator's recommendations as expressed in the bill do not insure fair treatment to the users of motor transport.

Leonard Sims, manager of the transportation department of the Detroit Board of Commerce, opposed regulation of contract carriers.

George M. Harrison, acting chairman of the Railway Labor Executives' Association, advocated the regulation of carriers competing with the railroads but accused the railroads of competing with themselves by co-operation with forwarding companies and through their interests in bus and truck operations. He said the most effective form of regulation of motor transportation would be to compel adequate wages, reasonable hours of service, and adequate safety standards, and he urged that the bill be amended by adding the collective bargaining provisions of the labor act and provisions similar to those of the hours of service act.

J. A. Farquharson, legislative representative of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, urged the necessity for regulating the competitors of the railroads and for regulating hours of service of truck drivers.

Charles E. Blaine, traffic counsel for the American National Livestock Association, the National Wool Growers' Association, and others, advocated "reasonable" regulation of motor vehicles but opposed most of the detail provisions of the bill and said that in many of the states that now regulate truck rates they are prescribed on the basis of rail rates or after taking rail rates into consideration. Such a bill, he said, would simply drive the large shippers to operate their own trucks. He recommended that the I.C.C. be required to adjust rail rates in relation to costs and be given jurisdiction over trucks so that it can make a study of truck costs.

Walter R. Scott, secretary and transportation commissioner of the Kansas City Board of Trade, who said he spoke for the grain trade in the Southwest, favored the entire bill, saying that the competitors of the railroads should be subjected to comparable regulation because the growing competition is of an unhealthy and demoralizing character. He described the practice by which itinerant truckers buy grain from the farmers and by trucking it to a more distant market cut down the business of the country elevator and depress the regular market. This, he said, increases the costs of the country elevators and may put some of them out of business.

Complete objection to the bill was expressed by Fred Brenckmann, representing the National Grange, W. S. Camfield, of the Eastern Apple Growers' Council, and E. H. Everson, of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union.

Clark Drury, chairman of the trucking committee of the American Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' Association, favored

federal regulation of highway motor carriers but asked that the itinerant truck peddler be included in the plan.

J. L. Keeshin, president of the National Highway Freight Association, said that his organization, of common carrier truck operators, was wholly in favor of the Eastman bill. He said the idea of continuation of code regulation had its origin in the fact that "many of the boys" were doing better in code authority positions than they had in the trucking business. George F. Whitehead, representing the Arrow Carrier Corporation and others, said that about 90 per cent of the responsible truck operators want federal regulation. J. R. Van Arnum, for the National League of Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Shippers, favored the Eastman bill, with an amendment, and spoke particularly of the effect of the operations of itinerant truckers on the fruit and vegetable industry. Kit F. Clardy, former member of the Michigan commission, appearing for truck operators, said the essentials of the Eastman bill are required and that the N.R.A. code had resulted in a "flop." Carl Giessow, director of the traffic bureau of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, favored the Eastman bill but said it should be considered in connection with the bill to reorganize the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Testimony on behalf of the bus industry was given before the Senate committee by Arthur M. Hill, president of the National Association of Motor Bus Operators, Ivan Bowen, general counsel of the Greyhound Lines, and Edward W. Wakelee, a director of the bus operators' association. They expressed a desire for a separate bill providing for bus regulation and objected to certain provisions of the bills as applied to buses.

The hearing on the House side was concluded on Tuesday and that on the Senate side on Wednesday. Mr. Eastman is to sit with members of the Committees when they come to consider detail amendments in executive session.

President Roosevelt's message to Congress on merchant marine problems, which he had said would be followed in about a week by his general transportation message, was sent up on March 4, recommending a plan of direct subsidies for ocean shipping in place of the present system of indirect subsidies through ocean mail contracts. He also proposed that the quasi-judicial and quasi-legislative duties of the Shipping Board Bureau of the Department of Commerce be transferred for the present to the Interstate Commerce Commission, as had been recommended by Mr. Eastman. An accompanying report by an interdepartmental Committee on Shipping Policy had recommended the creation of a Federal Maritime Authority which would handle the regulation of rates in foreign commerce and temporarily in domestic commerce until such time as another body may be charged with the regulation of all domestic transportation rates.

The President said on Wednesday that he would have another message in about a week but indicated the possibility of some other subject intervening before the transportation message.

## Construction

**BALTIMORE & OHIO.**—The New York Public Service Commission has approved a revised estimate of cost of \$216,000, exclusive of land and property damages, for the elimination of the West Main street crossing on the line of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh in LeRoy, Genesee county, N. Y. A low bid of \$118,326 submitted by George Vang, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa., was also approved as not excessive for the work in connection with the elimination of the crossing and the railroad was directed to award the contract and begin work as soon as practicable. The commission also approved a plan and specifications together with an estimate of cost of \$157,700, exclusive of land and property damages, for the elimination of the grade crossing on the same road in Wheatland, Monroe county, N. Y. The crossing is located on the Scottsville-Mumford State highway about 200 ft. east of Mumford station.

**CHESAPEAKE & OHIO.**—Contracts involving a total expenditure of about \$359,200 for work on two tunnels have recently been awarded by this road which has also authorized additional expenditures estimated at \$308,915 for four other construction projects at various points on its line. Both of the tunnel contracts have been let to the Boxley Brothers Company, Orange, Va.—one contemplates the enlargement and lining of 350 ft., and the conversion into an open cut of 118 ft., of Needles Eye tunnel at Aden, Ky., at an estimated cost of \$151,000; the other involves the enlargement to standard section and the lining with concrete of Mason's tunnel at Millboro, Va., at an estimated cost of \$208,200. Of the additional projects authorized the two largest contemplate expenditures of \$133,115 for the installation of signaling and interlocking facilities between Jerry's Run, Va., and White Sulphur, W. Va., and the extension of a passing track at Alleghany, Va.; and of \$105,000 for the construction of an addition, together with improvements and rearrangements of existing buildings, to the company's hospital at Clifton Forge, Va. In connection with the former the grade has been prepared for the siding extension while plans are now being drawn for a new signal tower; for the hospital project plans to request bids are being prepared. The two remaining projects authorized are: Extension of four standard and four narrow gage tracks at Russell, Ky., \$38,800; and replacing 16 column pedestals in a viaduct at Richmond, Va., \$32,000.

**STATEN ISLAND RAPID TRANSIT RAILWAY COMPANY.**—This road, a subsidiary of the Baltimore & Ohio, is receiving bids until 11 a.m. March 18 at the office of the chief engineer of the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railway Company, Baltimore & Ohio Central building, Baltimore, Md., for building construction work at Fort Wadsworth, S. I., on a new station building which is to be put up in connection with grade crossing elimination work to be car-

ried out at that place, as was reported in the *Railway Age* of February 2, page 213.

**VIRGINIAN.**—The Railroad Water & Coal Handling Company, Chicago, has been awarded a contract for the construction of a lime-soda water-softening plant at Elmore, W. Va., at a cost of about \$25,000.

## Equipment and Supplies

### C. & N. W. Seeks \$1,500,000 from R. F. C. for Equipment Repairs

The Chicago & North Western has filed with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation the first application for an equipment loan under the new loaning powers conferred upon the corporation by new legislation, asking for \$1,500,000 for improvement and repairs to its equipment, including improvements and general repairs to 12 locomotives, classified repairs to 95 locomotives, air conditioning and modernizing of 66 passenger cars, modernizing 4 dining cars and 2 lounge cars, and installing Evans auto-loaders on 200 cars.

## LOCOMOTIVES

**THE LOUISIANA & ARKANSAS** is inquiring for four Mikado type locomotives.

## FREIGHT CARS

**THE ERIE** is inquiring for 55 steel frame milk cars of 40 tons' capacity.

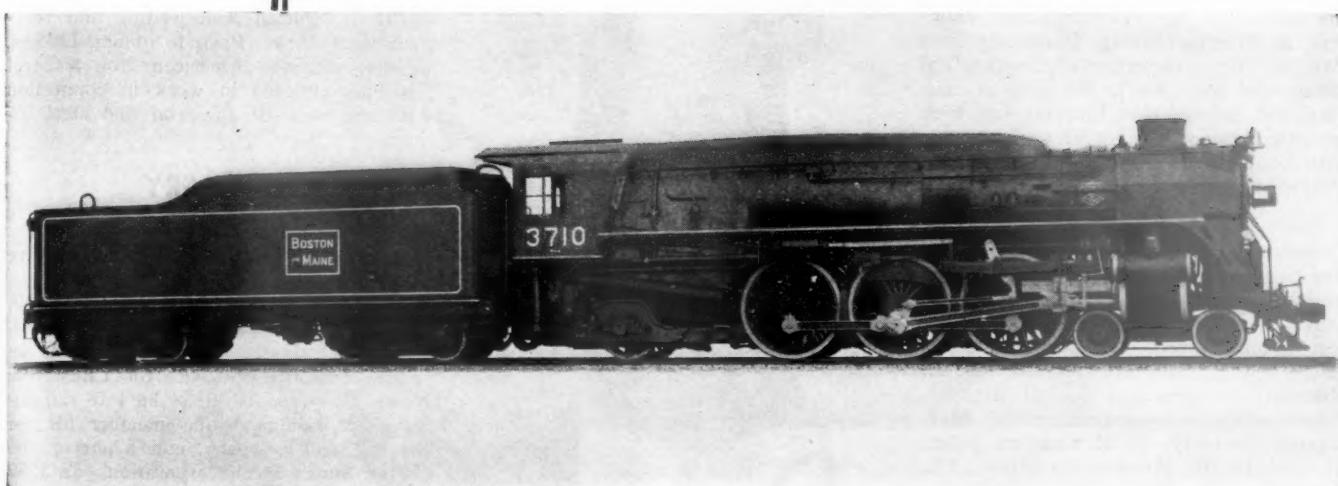
## IRON AND STEEL

**THE CHICAGO GREAT WESTERN** is considering the purchase of 5,000 tons of rails.

**THE DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA & WESTERN** has ordered 152 tons of steel for a bridge at Ogden street, Newark, N. J., from the Phoenix Bridge Company.

## AIR CONDITIONING

**THE NEW YORK CENTRAL** expects to place in service before hot weather arrives 235 additional air-conditioned cars. When the work now under way is completed the road will be operating 537 cars completely air-conditioned. The road is now equipping 7 dining cars in its own shops at West Albany, N. Y., and 46 coaches in its shops at Beech Grove, Ind. Both diners and coaches are being equipped with a electro-mechanical type of installation. At the same time 182 Pullman cars are being equipped for the New York Central service at the Pullman shops with the Pullman speed-control type of mechanism. When these cars are ready all the road's principal trains operating east and west between the principal cities they serve will be air conditioned.



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## Supply Trade

**Thomas R. Langan**, who has been in the service of the **Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company** since 1906, serving in important engineering and commercial activities in the field of railroad and railway electrification, has been appointed traffic manager of the company, with headquarters in the East Pittsburgh, Pa., works.

**The Illinois Corrugated Culvert Company**, Peoria, Ill., has been organized to fabricate and sell Toncan iron corrugated metal pipe in Illinois, the company being a member of the Toncan Culvert Manufacturers' Association. Officers of the new company are: president, **A. E. Hudson**; treasurer and general manager, **K. M. Walters**; and secretary, **Mrs. Minnie Easterly**. **D. R. Sanders**, Joliet, Ill., and **H. B. Moore**, Springfield, Ill., formerly representatives of the Canton Culvert Company, have been appointed special representatives of the new company. Construction of a modern culvert fabricating plant is under way at Peoria, but pending its completion, shipments are being made from Danville, where the new company is operating the plant formerly owned by the Canton Culvert Company, Division of Republic Steel Corporation.

**J. William Hackett**, for many years sales engineer of the Okonite Company, has been appointed special representative of the **United States Rubber Products, Inc., Wire Division**, New York. Following his graduation from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1907, Mr. Hackett joined the Union Switch & Signal Company as an engineering apprentice. He then entered the signal department of the New York Central, serving during this period as signal helper, electrical repairman, maintenance foreman of signals, circuit draftsman, chief draftsman, and later signal supervisor. In 1913 he resigned from the New York Central to go with the Federal Signal Company, now the General Railway Signal Company, as sales engineer. In 1917, he left that company and served with the army as an officer in the Engineering Corps. In 1919 he joined the Okonite Company as sales engineer, remaining until 1933. During this period Mr. Hackett was active in the Signal Appliance Association, serving on the Board of direction, as well as vice-chairman and chairman for a term. Prior to his present appointment, he has been associated with E. A. Everett, Inc., manufacturers of railroad and signal appliances, Long Island City, N. Y.

**Frank P. Roesch**, who has been elected a vice-president of the **Standard Stoker Company, Inc.**, with headquarters at Chicago, was born on April 14, 1864, in Alsace, and came to the United States immediately after the close of the Franco-Prussian war. Following his graduation from high school he entered railway service in 1877 as machinist apprentice at Trenton, Mo., on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific. He subsequently served in several railroad shops in various positions, in-

cluding that of roundhouse foreman, also as a locomotive engineman. In 1891 he was appointed traveling engineer on the Denver & New Orleans, now the Colorado

lehem Steel Corporation. Subsequently, he was connected with George W. Goethals, Inc., in company management and engineering work, and was also associated for several years with a New York stock exchange firm in underwriting and reorganization work. Prior to joining Lukens, he was with the American Iron & Steel Institute, engaged in work in connection with the code of the iron and steel industry.



Frank P. Roesch

& Southern, and later became general traveling engineer on the same road. In 1901 he was appointed master mechanic of the Colorado & Southern and subsequently served as master mechanic on the Chicago & Alton, the Southern, and the El Paso & Southwestern, now part of the Southern Pacific. Mr. Roesch served from 1918 to 1920 as regional fuel supervisor, Northwest region, U. S. R. A.; at the termination of federal control he went as western manager with the Standard Stoker Company, Inc., and since 1923 was its general sales manager. Mr. Roesch has been a frequent contributor to various railroad journals since 1898. He is an authority on subjects pertaining to locomotive operation, combustion, etc., and is a past president of the Traveling Engineers' Association. He has also been active in the affairs of the International Railway Fuel Association and the Smoke Prevention Association. He is a member of a large number of other technical and mechanical organizations and the patentee of a number of stoker appliances.

**W. A. Hauck** has been appointed assistant to the president of **Lukens Steel Company**, Coatesville, Pa. He is a



W. A. Hauck

graduate of Lafayette College with the degree of mining engineer and was formerly assistant comptroller of the Beth-

## OBITUARY

**John S. Keefe**, who retired from the presidency of the American Steel & Wire Company on January 1, 1933, died on March 3 at his home at Oak Park, Ill. Mr. Keefe was born on January 24, 1864, at Boston, Mass. At the age of 13 he became an office boy with the Chicago & North Western. In 1888 he left railway service to become traffic manager for the Illinois Steel Company, now a part of the United States Steel Corporation. In 1899 he was appointed general traffic manager of the American Steel & Wire Company, also a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, and in 1901 became a director and first vice-president of that company. He was promoted to president in December, 1927, and retired under the corporation's pension plan on January 1, 1933, Mr. Keefe having requested that he be relieved of his duties on that date.

## Financial

**BALTIMORE & OHIO.—R. F. C. Loans.**—This company has filed with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation an application for an extension for five years of loans amounting to \$7,000,000 maturing April 8 and for an additional loan of \$5,000,000 for five years to meet equipment trust obligations maturing during 1935. The company submitted with the application an estimate showing a net deficit of \$1,909,139 for 1935.

**CHICAGO GREAT WESTERN.—Reorganization.**—The Interstate Commerce Commission has added the name of P. H. Joyce, president of the Chicago Great Western, to its panel of standing trustees from which appointments may be made by the federal courts.

**MISSOURI PACIFIC.—Reclassification of Claims.**—A reclassification of the claims against the Missouri Pacific was asked in a petition filed with Special Master Marion C. Early by counsel for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. It is asked that the claims of the RFC, the Railroad Credit Corporation and J. P. Morgan & Co., totaling approximately \$35,000,000, be placed in one class and that the claims arising from a deal with Terminal Shares, Inc., be regarded as among the general unsecured claims instead of being placed in a separate classification. The petition also asked that the creditors be classified according to the nature of the claim rather than according to the nature of the holder of such claim. The petition is intended to



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**NEW YORK, CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS.—R. F. C. Loan.**—The Interstate Commerce Commission has authorized this company to extend to February 27, 1937, the time of payment of a loan of \$6,700,000 which it has from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

**NEW YORK, CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS.—Substitute Trustee.**—This company has asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to approve the appointment of James R. Garfield, of Cleveland, Ohio, as trustee for its holdings of stock of the Wheeling & Lake Erie, succeeding E. R. Fancher, deceased, withdrawing the name of G. A. Tomlinson, which was recently submitted to the commission. F. E. Taplin, president of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia, had filed a protest against the appointment of Mr. Tomlinson.

**READING COMPANY.—Annual Report.**—The income account and balance sheet of this company for the year 1934 appear on an adjacent page.

**SEABOARD AIR LINE.—Receivers' Certificates.**—The receivers have applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to issue \$27,859,000 of receivers' certificates in exchange for equipment obligations and receivers' certificates outstanding, in accordance with the plan filed with the district court for the eastern district of Virginia. The certificates are to bear 2 per cent interest from February 1, 1935, to February 1, 1938, 3 per cent from 1938 to 1940 and 3½ per cent from 1940 to 1945.

**SOUTHERN.—R. F. C. Loan.**—The Interstate Commerce Commission has authorized this company to extend for one year a loan of \$7,254,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC.—Preliminary Report.**—This company has issued its preliminary annual report for the year 1934, showing net income of the Southern Pacific Lines at \$408,225, an increase of \$5,397,156 over 1933. Freight revenues showed an increase of 16.36 per cent over the preceding year and total operating revenues were larger by 14.89 per cent, while operating expenses increased only 10.95 per cent. The solely controlled affiliated companies, however, had a deficit of \$4,315,829.

#### Average Prices of Stocks and of Bonds

	Mar. 5	Last week	Last year
Average price of 20 representative railway stocks..	30.19	30.86	46.36
Average price of 20 representative railway bonds..	73.28	73.12	77.73

#### Dividends Declared

**Dayton & Michigan.**—8 Per Cent Preferred, \$1.00, quarterly, payable April 2 to holders of record March 16; 87½c, semi-annually, payable April 1 to holders of record March 16.

**Lackawanna R. R. of New Jersey.**—4 Per Cent Guaranteed, \$1.00, quarterly, payable April 1 to holders of record March 7.

**New York, Lackawanna & Western.**—\$1.25, quarterly, payable April 1 to holders of record March 14.

**Philadelphia & Trenton.**—\$2.50, quarterly, payable April 10 to holders of record April 1.

**Reading.**—Second Preferred, 50c, quarterly, payable April 11 to holders of record March 21.

## Railway Officers

### EXECUTIVE

**W. S. Bronson,** attorney for the Pittsburgh & West Virginia at Washington, D. C., has been elected vice-president and general counsel, with headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio, succeeding C. F. Taplin, resigned.

**Arthur Hamilton,** vice-president in charge of freight traffic of the Central of New Jersey, has retired from active service. Mr. Hamilton was born on February 27, 1865, at Bethel, Ill., and was educated in the public schools. He entered railway service in September, 1882, as a telegraph operator and station agent on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. In September, 1887, he was promoted to train dispatcher; in March, 1889, he became freight agent, and in October, 1892, he was promoted to traveling auditor. From May, 1896, to March, 1903, Mr. Hamilton was freight agent and manager of the Union Elevator Company



Arthur Hamilton

at East St. Louis, Ill., returning on the latter date to the Burlington as assistant superintendent of terminals at St. Louis, Mo. In December of the following year he was promoted to superintendent of terminals and a year later he was appointed superintendent of the Missouri & Illinois Bridge & Belt Railway at Alton, Ill. In May, 1906, he went with the Central of New Jersey as a general agent, with headquarters at Newark, N. J., and in June, 1909, he was promoted to general freight agent at New York. In January, 1924, Mr. Hamilton was appointed freight traffic manager at New York, which position he held until 1926, when he was appointed vice-president in charge of freight traffic.

**John W. Hewitt,** freight traffic manager of the Reading, with headquarters at Philadelphia, Pa., has been appointed assistant vice-president in charge of freight traffic for the Reading and the Central of New Jersey. Mr. Hewitt was born at Philadelphia in May, 1876. He entered the service of the Reading in June, 1892, as a clerk at the Broad and Callowhill streets freight station and six years later he became a clerk at Chestnut street sta-

tion. In February, 1900, he was appointed chief clerk at Port Richmond terminal and in 1910 he became chief clerk in the general freight department, Reading terminal,



John W. Hewitt

Philadelphia. In March, 1920, he was appointed division freight agent at Philadelphia, becoming general coal freight agent in 1921. He was appointed assistant freight traffic manager in 1923 and in May, 1928, he became freight traffic manager at Philadelphia, retaining this position until his present appointment.

### FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING

**Norman S. Buckingham,** general counsel of the New York, New Haven & Hartford, has retired from that position at his own request, and after a short leave of absence he will assume the duties of general solicitor. **William W. Meyer,** assistant to president and assistant general counsel, has been appointed general counsel in charge of law and finance. A photograph of Mr. Meyer, along with a sketch of his railway career was published in the *Railway Age* of November 3, 1934, in connection with his appointment as assistant to president.

Mr. Buckingham was born in Milford,

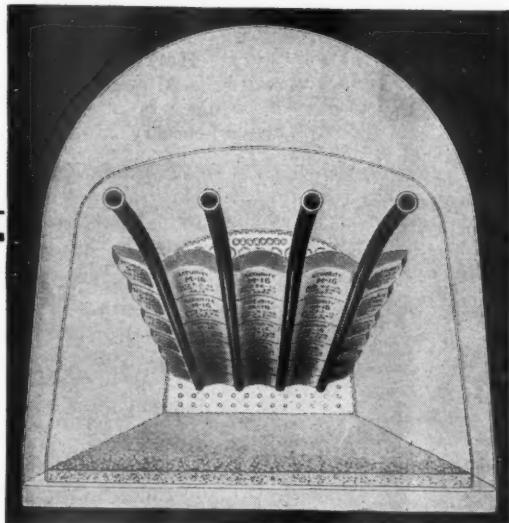
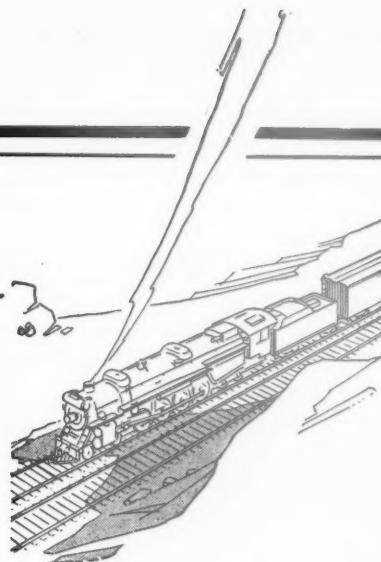


Norman S. Buckingham

Conn., on April 30, 1881. He entered railway service with the New Haven as a clerk in the law department in 1898, after graduation from high school, and, in 1905,

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he was appointed chief clerk. While serving in the capacity of chief clerk he studied law, and in 1912 was admitted to the bar in Connecticut; shortly thereafter he was appointed assistant attorney. He continued in that position until 1916, when he was advanced to assistant solicitor, and two years later he was appointed counsel for Connecticut. In 1923, Mr. Buckingham was appointed assistant to vice-president, and in 1924, he was advanced to assistant general counsel. He was appointed general counsel in May, 1931.

## OPERATING

**A. H. Ryden** has been appointed superintendent of telegraph of the Kansas City Southern, with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo., succeeding **R. Hooper**, deceased.

**E. M. Dickerson**, chief clerk to the superintendent of transportation of the Norfolk & Western, has been appointed assistant superintendent of transportation with headquarters at Roanoke, Va., succeeding **E. J. Tice**, deceased.

**E. J. Walker**, assistant superintendent for the Canadian Pacific at Toronto, Ont., has been appointed superintendent of the Quebec Central, with headquarters at Sherbrooke, Que., succeeding **C. K. Bartlett**, who has been appointed trainmaster. Mr. Walker will have jurisdiction over all branches of operation, including maintenance of way, motive power and car departments and highway motor coach services.

## TRAFFIC

**Chester D. Lafferty**, industrial agent on the Southern Pacific at Portland, Ore., has had his title changed to assistant general freight agent.

**Miss E. J. Raymond**, general agent at Chicago for the Green Bay & Western, has been appointed to the newly-created position of assistant general freight agent

in charge of solicitation, with the same headquarters.

**A. B. Craig**, assistant general freight agent for the Central of New Jersey at New York, has been appointed general freight agent, with the same headquarters.

**A. S. Huntington**, commerce assistant, has been appointed assistant general freight agent at New York.

**John F. Hourigan**, general agent for the Wharton & Northern, with headquarters at Wharton, N. J., has been appointed assistant general freight agent for the Central of New Jersey, with headquarters at New York.

**Charles Loos Ewing**, freight traffic manager for the Central of New Jersey, with headquarters at New York, has been appointed general freight traffic manager. Mr. Ewing was born at Pittsburgh, Pa., on December 1, 1877, and was educated in the public schools. He entered railroad service in 1894 as freight traffic clerk for the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie at Pittsburgh, Pa., in which capacity he served until 1898.



C. L. Ewing

In the latter year he became apportionment clerk, Railway Clearing House, Buffalo, N. Y. From 1899 to 1902 he served as

department manager of the Snyder Banana Company and the United Fruit Company, Bocas del Toro, Republic of Colombia. In 1902 he became rate and percentage clerk, freight traffic department, for the Central of New Jersey at New York, becoming assistant chief rate clerk in 1905, and chief rate clerk in 1906. Mr. Ewing was appointed chief of the tariff bureau of the Central of New Jersey in 1909, and in 1915 he became assistant general freight agent. From 1924 to 1926 Mr. Ewing served as general freight agent and in 1926 he became freight traffic manager, the position he held until his recent appointment.

## MECHANICAL

**A. C. Colville** has been appointed superintendent of shops on the Great Northern at Hillyard, Wash., succeeding **J. M. Hurley**, deceased.

## OBITUARY

**J. M. Hurley**, superintendent of shops on the Great Northern at Hillyard, Wash., died on February 23.

**Harry C. Higgins**, general agent for the Minneapolis & St. Louis, with headquarters at Minneapolis, Minn., died on February 23.

**William Henry Reid**, who retired eight years ago as president of the Pittsburgh, Lisbon & Western, died suddenly on March 3 of a heart attack at his home in New York.

**S. George Tiffin**, commissioner of the industrial department of the Canadian National, with headquarters at Montreal, Que., died on March 2 at his home in Montreal after a brief illness.

**Edward S. Hartwell**, who was formerly connected at various times with the Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek, the Midland Terminal and the Manitou & Pike's Peak as secretary and auditor, died at Los Angeles on February 15.

## Net Income for December and Twelve Months of Calendar Year 1934

	Net Income			Net Income			
	1934	1933		1934	1933		
Akron, Canton & Youngstown.....	Dec.	15,611	9,596	Canadian Pacific Lines in Maine.....	Dec.	.....	.....
12 mos.		116,438	118,327	Canadian Pacific Lines in Vermont.....	Dec.	.....	.....
Alton .....	Dec.	— 144,433	142,259	Central of Georgia.....	Dec.	— 241,178	— 208,321
12 mos.		— 1,644,579	— 43,251	Central New Jersey.....	Dec.	— 2,607,342	— 2,669,565
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.....	Dec.	911,774	193,408	Central Vermont .....	Dec.	— 160,805	— 330,341
12 mos.		7,001,314	3,698,671	Chesapeake & Ohio.....	Dec.	— 1,536,070	— 2,309,738
Atlanta & West Point.....	Dec.	— 24,657	— 21,662	Chicago & Eastern Illinois.....	Dec.	— 100,626	— 78,152
12 mos.		— 133,548	— 209,900	Chicago & Illinois Midland.....	Dec.	— 1,068,192	— 875,468
Western of Alabama.....	Dec.	— 22,621	1,545	Chicago & Northwestern.....	Dec.	2,134,477	2,071,204
12 mos.		— 82,613	— 113,328	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.....	Dec.	— 28,062,403	— 28,239,810
Atlanta, Birmingham & Coast.....	Dec.	— 43,110	— 14,432	Chicago Great Western.....	Dec.	— 114,069	— 82,462
12 mos.		— 317,564	— 223,375	Chicago & Illinois Midland.....	Dec.	— 1,494,200	— 2,020,504
Atlantic Coast Line.....	Dec.	— 386,347	— 392,781	Chicago & Northwestern.....	Dec.	— 25,491	— 66,876
12 mos.		— 495,478	— 2,385,788	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.....	Dec.	— 143,276	— 321,224
Charleston & Western Carolina.....	Dec.	— 5,066	16,172	Chicago, Great Western.....	Dec.	— 598,975	— 840,939
12 mos.		— 102,738	— 152,911	Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville.....	Dec.	— 8,276,194	— 7,875,419
Baltimore & Ohio.....	Dec.	— 330,513	— 320,836	Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific.....	Dec.	— 361,849	— 755,461
12 mos.		— 3,825,752	— 204,772	Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.....	Dec.	— 4,454,760	— 5,598,024
Staten Island Rapid Transit.....	Dec.	.....	.....	Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf.....	Dec.	— 14,720	— 116,913
12 mos.		.....	.....	12 mos.	— 468,823	— 514,825	
Bangor & Aroostook.....	Dec.	— 47,746	— 121,662	12 mos.	— 360,848	— 21,573	
12 mos.		— 947,394	— 993,576	12 mos.	— 1,416,314	— 1,514,467	
Bessemer & Lake Erie.....	Dec.	— 243,608	— 117,402	12 mos.	— 1,662,838	— 1,543,702	
12 mos.		— 390,409	— 1,373,623	12 mos.	— 16,247,621	— 14,412,141	
Boston & Maine.....	Dec.	— 698,949	— 38,494	12 mos.	— 1,254,267	— 1,411,451	
12 mos.		— 293,493	— 321,571	12 mos.	— 11,943,697	— 9,998,794	
Burlington-Rock Island .....	Dec.	— 84,892	— 67,424	12 mos.	— 253,319	— 243,825	
12 mos.		— 1,027,449	— 753,097	12 mos.	— 1,367,704	— 1,604,052	
Cambria & Indiana.....	Dec.	— 51,667	— 81,256				
12 mos.		— 583,402	— 926,517				

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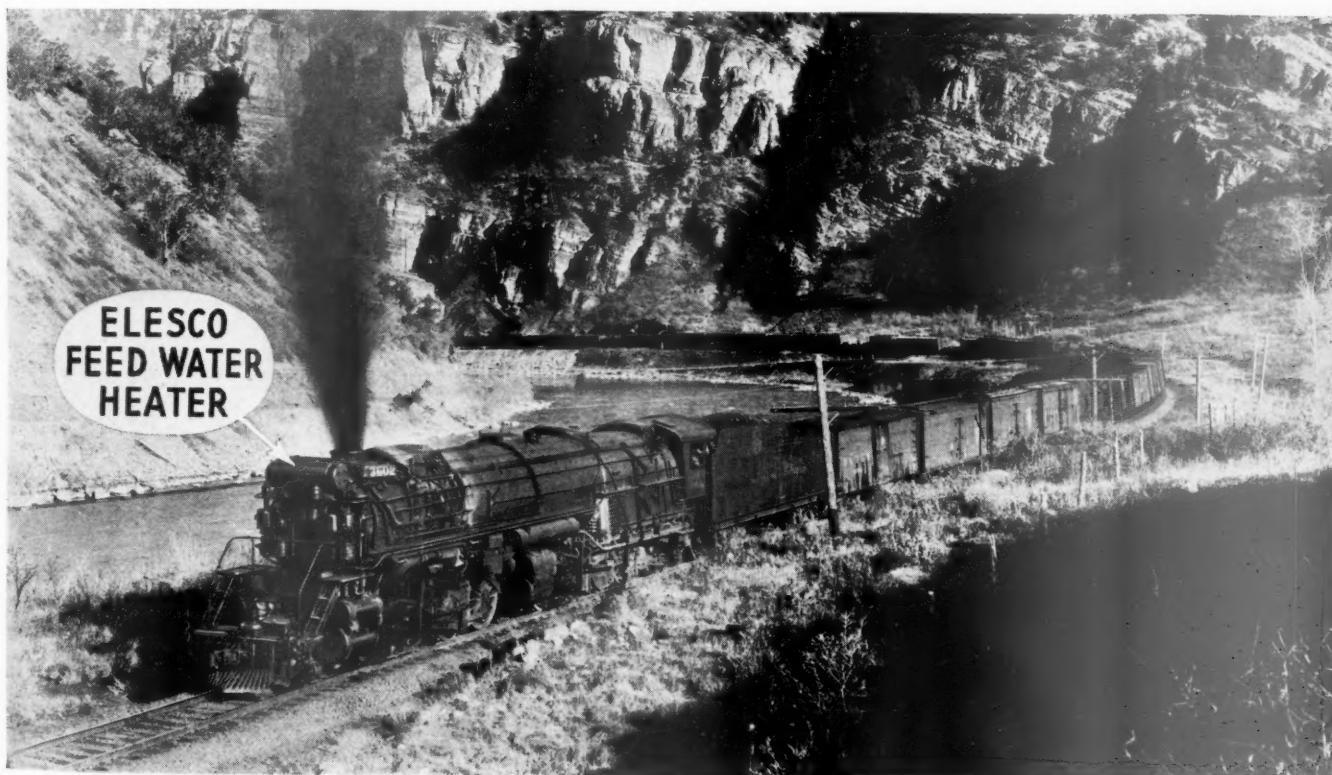
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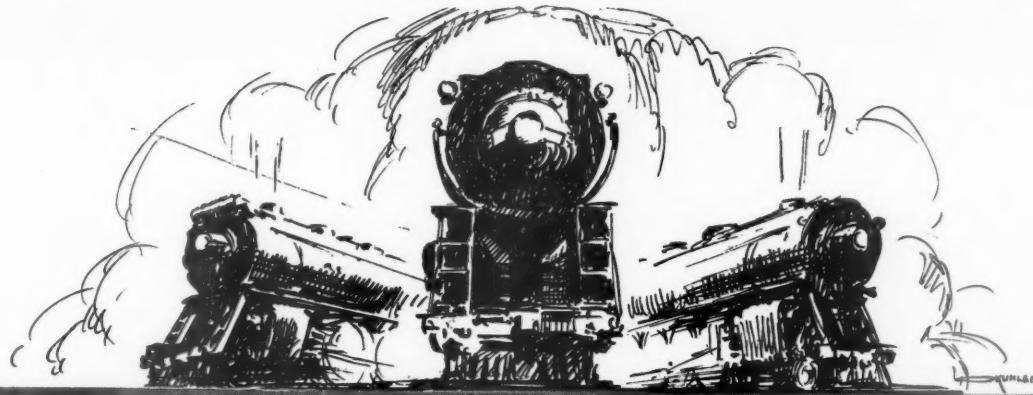
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## Net Income for December and Twelve Months of Calendar Year 1934 (Continued)

	Net Income			Net Income	
	1934	1933		1934	1933
Chicago, St. Paul, Minn. & Omaha	Dec.	280,625	—	133,559	—
12 mos.	—	1,923,210	—	1,060,225	—
Clinchfield Railroad	—	474,789	—	651,853	—
12 mos.	—	—	—	—	—
Colorado & Southern	—	33,883	—	27,826	—
12 mos.	—	854,138	—	943,390	—
Fort Worth & Denver City	—	26,770	—	64,429	—
12 mos.	—	53,798	—	412,812	—
Columbus & Greenville	—	11,414	—	16,865	—
12 mos.	—	7,372	—	85,492	—
Delaware & Hudson	—	474,353	—	268,783	—
12 mos.	—	2,601,063	—	3,699,772	—
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western	—	320,769	—	230,783	—
12 mos.	—	1,972,613	—	2,993,862	—
Denver & Rio Grande Western	—	189,970	—	97,413	—
12 mos.	—	2,975,872	—	2,138,953	—
Denver & Salt Lake	—	179,200	—	249,524	—
12 mos.	—	113,134	—	4,146	—
Detroit & Mackinac	—	31,664	—	11,723	—
12 mos.	—	14,345	—	75,012	—
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line	—	58,644	—	96,769	—
12 mos.	—	623,564	—	503,599	—
Detroit, Toledo & Ironton	—	117,896	—	62,463	—
12 mos.	—	1,137,789	—	342,361	—
Duluth, Missabe & Northern	—	227,014	—	55,333	—
12 mos.	—	1,346,452	—	10,684,914	—
Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific	—	841,417	—	516,968	—
12 mos.	—	327,147	—	106,786	—
Elgin, Joliet & Eastern	—	463,112	—	48,963	—
12 mos.	—	389,059	—	477,001	—
Erie Railroad	—	307,750	—	245,455	—
New Jersey & New York	—	601,034	—	531,529	—
N. Y., Susquehanna & Western	—	46,442	—	28,835	—
12 mos.	—	485,899	—	380,728	—
Florida East Coast	—	18,486	—	2,978	—
12 mos.	—	385,038	—	416,881	—
Fort Smith & Western	—	183,480	—	166,122	—
12 mos.	—	2,806,591	—	3,185,635	—
Georgia Railroad	—	25,896	—	22,034	—
12 mos.	—	322,450	—	284,814	—
Georgia & Florida	—	14,307	—	34,010	—
12 mos.	—	97,566	—	144,328	—
Grand Trunk Western	—	65,026	—	59,658	—
Canadian Nat'l Lines in New Eng.	—	676,530	—	618,310	—
12 mos.	—	56,286	—	162,734	—
Great Northern	—	1,639,964	—	3,866,678	—
12 mos.	—	1,368,713	—	1,236,547	—
Green Bay & Western	—	22,267	—	93,733	—
12 mos.	—	24,214	—	23,556	—
Gulf & Ship Island	—	254	—	6,662	—
12 mos.	—	220,530	—	235,147	—
Gulf, Mobile & Northern	—	532	—	17,134	—
12 mos.	—	170,740	—	55,712	—
Illinois Central	—	445,327	—	809,587	—
12 mos.	—	1,005,608	—	1,377,874	—
Yazoo & Mississippi Valley	—	106,892	—	72,755	—
Illinois Terminal	—	2,004,243	—	1,264,013	—
12 mos.	—	53,963	—	9,462	—
Kansas City Southern System	—	395,907	—	260,853	—
12 mos.	—	89,625	—	162,404	—
Kansas, Oklahoma & Gulf	—	1,009,127	—	1,244,546	—
12 mos.	—	52,698	—	20,942	—
Lake Superior & Ishpeming	—	368,188	—	303,130	—
12 mos.	—	40,543	—	23,043	—
Lehigh & Hudson River	—	311,775	—	796,993	—
12 mos.	—	22,388	—	7,921	—
Lehigh & New England	—	184,337	—	214,941	—
12 mos.	—	48,192	—	43,987	—
Lehigh Valley	—	362,578	—	300,338	—
12 mos.	—	154,359	—	252,571	—
Louisiana & Arkansas	—	1,891,141	—	2,775,833	—
12 mos.	—	19,830	—	2,739	—
Louisiana, Arkansas & Texas	—	291,802	—	151,187	—
12 mos.	—	12,253	—	3,602	—
Louisville & Nashville	—	30,114	—	76,723	—
12 mos.	—	122,681	—	67,028	—
Maine Central	—	2,967,385	—	1,795,716	—
12 mos.	—	72,902	—	51,196	—
Midland Valley	—	35,251	—	19,285	—
12 mos.	—	42,220	—	9,560	—
Minneapolis & St. Louis	—	59,619	—	57,539	—
12 mos.	—	274,500	—	197,527	—
Minn., St. Paul & S. S. Marie	—	2,943,072	—	2,745,626	—
12 mos.	—	468,685	—	325,146	—
Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic	—	5,078,543	—	4,821,146	—
12 mos.	—	136,182	—	46,300	—
Spokane International	—	827,144	—	991,489	—
12 mos.	—	30,936	—	24,245	—
Mississippi Central	—	325,150	—	365,676	—
12 mos.	—	20,076	—	12,217	—
Missouri & North Arkansas	—	141,915	—	137,974	—
12 mos.	—	21,216	—	18,813	—
Missouri-Illinois	—	187,754	—	199,323	—
12 mos.	—	2,576	—	2,311	—
Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines	—	71,481	—	103,046	—
12 mos.	—	429,707	—	152,616	—
Missouri Pacific	—	2,790,636	—	1,516,998	—
12 mos.	—	1,593,600	—	1,438,012	—
Gulf Coast Lines	—	14,201,818	—	13,054,477	—
12 mos.	—	—	—	—	—
International-Great Northern	—	1,195,907	—	1,113,983	—
12 mos.	—	1,417,368	—	1,285,393	—
San Antonio, Uvalde & Gulf	—	25,007	—	18,396	—
12 mos.	—	182,082	—	338,265	—
Mobile & Ohio	—	193,971	—	124,403	—
12 mos.	—	1,704,221	—	1,549,892	—
Monongahela	—	—	—	—	—
Montour	—	—	—	—	—
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis	—	—	—	—	—
Nevada Northern	—	—	—	—	—
New York Central	—	—	—	—	—
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	—	—	—	—	—
New York, Chicago & St. Louis	—	—	—	—	—
New York, New Haven & Hartford	—	—	—	—	—
New York Connecting	—	—	—	—	—
New York, Ontario & Western	—	—	—	—	—
Norfolk & Western	—	—	—	—	—
Norfolk Southern	—	—	—	—	—
Northern Pacific	—	—	—	—	—
Northwestern Pacific	—	—	—	—	—
Oklahoma City-Ada-Atoka	—	—	—	—	—
Pennsylvania Railroad	—	—	—	—	—
Long Island	—	—	—	—	—
Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines	—	—	—	—	—
Pere Marquette	—	—	—	—	—
Pittsburg & Shawmut	—	—	—	—	—
Pittsburgh & West Virginia	—	—	—	—	—
Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern	—	—	—	—	—
Reading	—	—	—	—	—
Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac	—	—	—	—	—
Rutland	—	—	—	—	—
St. Louis-San Francisco	—	—	—	—	—
Fort Worth & Rio Grande	—	—	—	—	—
St. Louis, San Francisco & Texas	—	—	—	—	—
St. Louis Southwestern Lines	—	—	—	—	—
San Diego & Arizona Eastern	—	—	—	—	—
Seaboard Air Line	—	—	—	—	—
Southern Railway	—	—	—	—	—
Alabama Great Southern	—	—	—	—	—
Cinn., New Orleans & Texas Pacific	—	—	—	—	—
Georgia Southern & Florida	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans & Northeastern	—	—	—	—	—
Northern Alabama	—	—	—	—	—
Southern Pacific Transp. System	—	—	—	—	—
Spokane, Portland & Seattle	—	—	—	—	—
Tennessee Central	—	—	—	—	—
Texas & Pacific	—	—	—	—	—
Texas Mexican	—	—	—	—	—
Toledo, Peoria & Western	—	—	—	—	—
Union Pacific	—	—	—	—	—
Oregon Short Line	—	—	—	—	—
Oregon-Washington R. R. & Nav. Co.	—	—	—	—	—
Los Angeles & Salt Lake	—	—	—	—	—
St. Joseph & Grand Island	—	—	—	—	—
Utah	—	—	—	—	—
Virginian	—	—	—	—	—
Wabash	—	—	—	—	—
Ann Arbor	—	—	—	—	—
Western Maryland	—	—	—	—	—
Western Pacific	—	—	—	—	—
Wheeling & Lake Erie	—	—	—	—	—
Wichita Falls & Southern	—	—	—	—	—

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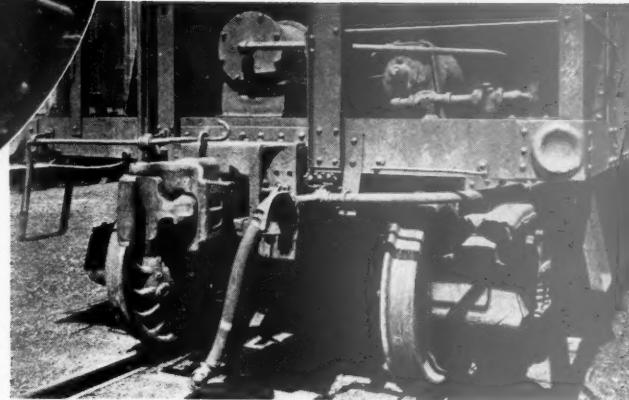
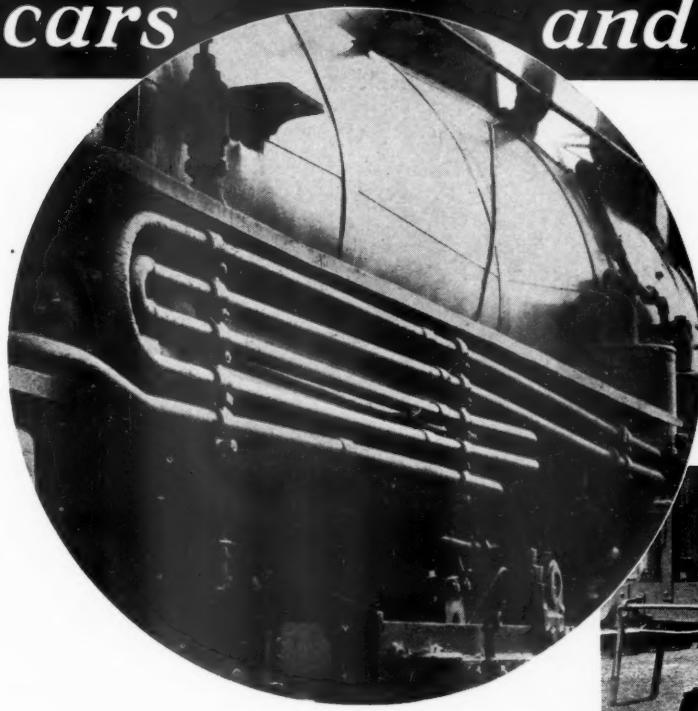
## Revenues and Expenses of Railways

MONTH OF JANUARY OF CALENDAR YEAR 1935

Name of road	Av. mileage operated during period	Operating revenues			Operating expenses			General	Total	Operating ratio	Net from railway operation	Operating income	Net railway operating income	Net railway income, 1934	
		Freight	Pasenger	Total (inc. misc.)	Maintenance of Way and structures	Traffic	Transportation								
Alton, Canton & Youngstown.....	171	\$172,551	\$16	\$181,308	\$15,636	\$14,022	\$7,638	\$57,675	\$10,856	105,837	58.4	\$75,471	\$66,383	\$52,450	
Alton, *939,622	13,323	143,068	1,040,298	116,399	164,661	383,112	39,431	40,026	69,229	844,213	81.2	196,085	123,238	-19,580	
Altonison, Topka & Santa Fe.....	1,044,593	9,809,898	1,257,376	2,685,700	3,934,973	645,793	8,924,235	91.0	885,663	16,437	101,415	117,755	-101,415	-2,612	
Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe.....	Jan.	80,478	18,699	119,112	16,577	24,766	6,850	53,092	6,568	110,248	92.6	8,864	1,541	-9,986	
Atlanta & West Point.....	Jan.	93	119,112	16,577	24,766	6,850	53,092	6,568	110,248	92.6	8,864	1,541	-9,986	-9,959	
Western of Alabama.....	133	69,052	19,020	102,125	19,285	28,441	6,979	47,916	5,943	110,541	108.2	-8,416	-16,511	-12,953	
Atlanta, Birmingham & Coast Atlantic Coast Line.....	639	187,884	6,334	223,015	42,208	44,967	21,704	99,737	21,382	240,690	107.9	-17,675	-30,738	-42,053	
Charleston & Western Carolina.....	5,147	2,324,248	658,994	3,424,860	407,946	685,235	146,953	1,368,764	137,410	2,798,695	81.7	626,165	223,897	103,457	
Baltimore & Ohio, State Island Rapid Transit.....	342	151,122	1,066	156,781	25,743	25,782	6,021	55,947	5,453	117,996	75.3	38,785	22,885	22,735	
Bangor & Aroostook.....	603	676,731	34,478	733,578	118,238	83,560	4,580	171,273	33,506	411,855	56.1	321,723	265,831	246,337	
Bessemer & Lake Erie.....	225	389,398	900	399,871	38,068	270,701	11,363	123,039	44,820	477,991	122.0	-88,120	-108,951	-93,923	
Boston & Maine.....	2,038	2,402,343	624,164	3,510,353	632,259	563,331	54,449	1,606,074	169,042	3,035,133	86.5	475,220	288,986	83,949	
Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal.....	10,91	79,887	3,686	82,302	12,999	4,383	5,950	214	26,627	6,926	44,100	53.6	38,202	31,625	29,706
Burlington, Rock Island & Indiana.....	280	62,398	102,152	.....	102,293	4,942	38,128	379	4,144	40,239	9,461	28,573	112.2	-15,272	-22,975
Canadian Pacific Lines in Maine.....	233	177,997	15,558	205,826	32,733	40,920	10,181	82,718	6,143	173,517	84.3	-32,309	26,309	29,615	
Canadian Pacific Lines in Vermont & Central of Georgia.....	85	46,707	10,75	85,165	41,650	38,845	5,516	21,600	5,230	104,625	150.7	-39,729	-40,221	-34,209	
Central New Jersey.....	455	305,338	219,771	1,03,079	128,887	248,613	50,815	482,027	96,389	1,013,350	91.9	89,729	16,500	-15,901	
Central Vermont.....	3,115	8,094,518	8,094,518	114,879	1,03,079	128,887	1,653,785	190,307	2,088,770	298,967	5,134,577	59.7	3,467,124	2,603,728	2,660,644
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	687	1,996,191	327,569	2,469,131	177,543	514,209	40,131	1,085,931	147,933	1,981,685	80.3	487,446	311,935	190,021	
Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific.....	1,511	4,885,923	560,352	6,075,668	525,733	1,346,746	189,785	2,504,945	413,847	413,847	83.0	1,032,339	490,900	198,228	
Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville.....	509,204	46,929	1,43,891	45,305	626,667	47,915	103,515	13,748	218,875	21,694	73,914	1,04,727	48,038	-125,109	
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.....	7,576	3,700,903	515,242	4,726,595	744,427	1,496,891	183,733	3,023,594	426,167	5,941,190	88.4	776,880	159,783	39,314	
Chicago & Illinois Midland.....	1,114	266,618	91,473	1,128,602	126,019	190,578	51,313	460,989	57,210	893,728	79.2	234,874	52,163	57,158	
Chicago & North Western.....	8,428	4,129,376	705,508	5,504,499	333,851	65,973	16,068	77,008	20,341	232,241	77.8	60,688	192,656	79,074	
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.....	9,036	4,885,923	46,929	6,075,668	525,733	1,346,746	189,785	2,504,945	413,847	413,847	83.0	1,032,339	490,900	198,228	
Chicago, Great Western.....	1,511	1,006,834	1,006,834	45,305	626,667	47,915	103,515	13,748	218,875	21,694	73,914	1,04,727	48,038	-125,109	
Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf.....	721	252,763	24,578	284,415	486,911	1,098,805	186,944	3,023,594	3,237,298	4,551,994	96.3	174,601	198,785	-196,407	
Cicago, St. Paul, Minn. & Omaha.....	1,654	925,540	1,40,168	1,40,168	136,995	98,166	16,076	16,500	121,469	125,593	21,777	25,777	52,876	43,712	
Clinchfield Railroad & Southern.....	309	442,712	3,331	450,774	421,030	39,486	37,754	94,517	16,643	121,469	121,469	81,4	52,876	48,339	
Colorado & Southern.....	1,019	352,988	22,663	55,629	55,629	55,629	55,629	55,629	47,420	799,420	90.2	41,1230	35,002	18,599	
Fort Worth & Denver City.....	804	299,497	33,834	392,258	34,636	78,196	16,501	153,328	38,570	324,432	82.7	67,826	37,128	9,393	
Columbus & Greenville.....	167	54,166	6,631	65,748	15,572	14,236	3,740	3,740	5,753	33,615	117.0	-11,168	-14,854	-13,631	
Delaware & Hudson.....	835	1,836,505	104,861	2,020,174	299,901	553,136	47,420	1,86,010	1,88,502	93.4	132,672	44,679	71,725	236,894	
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western.....	992	2,819,484	554,784	3,767,984	251,439	754,973	108,898	1,804,242	158,607	3,094,363	82.1	673,621	322,693	316,012	
Denver & Rio Grande Western.....	2,634	1,359,247	4,114	165,670	103,447	342,023	55,162	533,801	109,168	1,188,387	76.0	365,423	20,552	161,564	
Denver & Salt Lake.....	232	151,065	328	806,953	9,476	27,402	1,574	38,759	10,026	84,102	50.8	81,568	67,568	105,061	
Detroit & Mackinac.....	242	28,981	3,697	37,364	6,831	7,849	860	21,878	7,042	82,835	110.9	-4,019	214,854	181,717	
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line.....	50	352,364	328	375,952	55,629	55,629	91,423	11,228	132,354	25,395	331,831	41.1	475,122	397,185	349,908
Detroit, Toledo & Ironton.....	472	415,939	328	415,939	437,635	1,234,384	165,879	2,344,314	2,344,314	4,476,473	75.1	1,482,205	1,147,013	44,536	
Duluth, Missabe & Northern.....	560	53,179	1,932	102,085	166,063	2,869	1,16,063	133,750	1,16,063	433,280	636.6	-382,081	-412,940	-392,061	
Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific.....	178	2,355	7,662,232	1,076,801	8,636	12,991	1,22,23	1,22,23	3,703	78,350	108.3	-6,356	-10,210	-14,540	
Elgin, Joliet & Eastern.....	446	976,232	415,939	1,076,801	8,636	12,991	404,884	61,854	2,409,521	72,880	293,299	175,410	-49,381		
Erie Railroad.....	2,304	5,117,180	415,939	5,961,726	437,635	1,234,384	165,879	2,344,314	2,344,314	4,476,473	75.1	1,482,205	885,208	1,029,116	

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2,304	5,117,180	437,635	1,34,384	165,879	2,344,314	286,473
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March 9, 1935

**Revenues and Expenses of Railways**

MONTH OF JANUARY OF CALENDAR YEAR 1935—CONTINUED

Name of road	Av. mileage operated during period	Operating revenues		Operating expenses		Trans- portation	General	Total	Operating ratio	Net from railway operation	Operating income	Net railway operating income	Net operating income, 1934			
		Total	Passenger (inc. misc.)	Maintenance of Way and Equipment	Structures											
New Jersey & New York; Susquehanna & Western; Florida East Coast	45	\$15,623	\$51,610	\$68,888	\$5,198	\$25,265	\$1,411	\$2,959	85.445	12.40	\$16,557	\$20,707	\$37,878			
Georgia Railroad & Florida	215	303,084	259,983	344,235	25,563	59,303	4,845	14,930	244,897	70.3	103,338	45,527	42,326			
Fort Smith & Western	811	355,058	258,133	726,472	118,347	13,293	24,287	53,816	608,063	83.8	117,409	42,290	447			
Great Northern	408	63,081	63,081	63,270	23,730	21,812	5,551	7,363	111,209	77,400	111.8	8,180	12,768			
Canadian Nat'l Lines in New Eng.	8,328	1,366,077	67,083	1,541,993	149,175	347,828	31,293	674,641	80,686	1,287,138	83.5	254,855	177,800	57,232		
Green Bay & Western	233	103,126	1,374	108,167	18,533	14,699	5,684	50,359	6,256	112,209	91.6	12,795	10,795	2,003		
Gulf, Mobile & Northern	259	59,884	6,827	78,419	14,190	13,031	3,388	49,660	6,377	12,236	91.2	14,170	12,745	87,677		
Illinois Central & Yazoo & Mississippi Valley	961	6,259,608	382,743	417,703	56,667	74,240	15,817	2,089,385	296,479	4,015,886	92.0	348,655	206,976	40,554		
Kansas City Southern System	525	312,406	57,696	404,447	548,560	1,642,264	224,479	2,766,124	336,100	5,565,810	82.4	1,192,682	758,382	36,432		
Lake Superior & Ishpeming	160	33,966	99	35,774	20,728	25,833	6,551	21,094	5,756	22,698	87.8	1,286,680	734,364	1,231		
Lehigh & Hudson River	96	128,118	147	129,961	21,120	21,518	3,126	4,222	6,377	21,591	87.8	1,286,680	734,364	1,231		
Lehigh & New England	220	297,089	292	298,964	26,964	56,218	5,697	258,225	3,188,822	388,859	6,322,417	83.1	1,286,680	734,364	1,231	
Lehigh Valley	1,354	3,116,913	203,708	3,555,042	193,715	630,514	107,047	1,567,801	137,523	2,651,958	74.6	901,284	753,276	52,124		
Louisiana & Arkansas	608	295,841	8,497	330,973	43,783	56,651	22,423	8,870	23,091	235,088	71.0	95,885	61,889	17,216		
Louisville & Nashville	1,046	73,528	87,346	90,339	209,361	159,331	4,611	26,140	5,733	65,036	86.7	9,687	5,146	41,389		
Maine Central	5,051	5,119,529	505,126	6,116,049	678,925	1,344,235	186,821	2,260,816	278,905	4,792,992	78.4	1,323,057	990,895	1,027,236		
Minneapolis & St. Paul & S. S. Marie	1,647	476,051	14,869	527,084	63,153	126,069	32,815	320,521	43,192	576,051	109.3	10,223,366	1,409,943	1,409,943		
Mississippi Central & North Arkansas & Texas	1,297	1,309,316	69,528	1,507,936	250,084	310,037	56,551	84,476	42,311	40,057	84,120	91.3	43,033	57,260		
Missouri Central	1,046	73,528	87,346	90,339	209,361	159,331	4,611	26,140	5,733	65,036	86.7	9,687	5,146	41,389		
Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines	208	77,518	707	79,926	12,677	12,677	2,632	288,505	29,066	65,020	81.4	14,906	12,751	2,491		
Mobile & Ohio	1,201	5,146,541	165,933	1,796,519	526,482	500,295	11,232	808,505	15,492	1,903,495	97.8	1,268,877	314,237	37,014		
Monongahela	174	3,227,935	335,402	5,744,875	335,402	5,744,875	1,228,192	233,345	2,377,200	380,675	4,904,985	85.5	830,190	505,697	55,204	
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis	1,191	782,052	118,509	1,034,181	123,668	255,771	64,204	427,101	53,800	930,980	90.0	103,201	67,704	11,871		
New York Central	1,165	18,553	885	23,733	9,203	9,373	6,672	8,003	4,411	25,762	108.3	1,191,883	8,559	1,208		
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	1,763	960,344	31,042	1,052,438	112,699	146,563	42,198	280,721	6,934	647,042	61.4	187,868	182,264	182,264		
International-Great Northern	1,154	803,982	55,722	97,723	135,387	129,982	28,405	385,314	6,356	78,965	71.0	143,020	33,022	55,153		
San Antonio, Walde & Gulf	316	67,223	1,165	65,219	14,433	8,613	4,811	45,521	30,387	6,350	11,110	20,967	14,312	10,531		
Missouri-Illinois	3,293	1,546,541	165,933	1,796,519	526,482	500,295	11,232	808,505	15,492	1,903,495	97.8	1,268,877	314,237	37,014		
Missouri Pacific	7,235	4,880,926	335,402	5,744,875	335,402	5,744,875	1,228,192	233,345	2,377,200	380,675	4,904,985	85.5	830,190	505,697	55,204	
Gulf Coast Lines	1,191	47,938	1,182,816	84,264	361,862	26,227	449,115	66,173	1,033,957	123,725	1,033,957	67.9	759,936	50,168	518,379	
International-Great Northern	1,154	67,169	1,181,372	84,264	361,862	26,227	449,115	66,173	1,033,957	123,725	1,033,957	67.9	759,936	50,168	518,379	
San Antonio	57	1,166	1,175,729	72,313	87,034	8,082	24,041	24,041	1,043	24,041	1,043	44,881	146,520	110,106	150,517	
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis	1,191	782,052	118,509	1,034,181	123,668	255,771	64,204	427,101	53,800	930,980	90.0	103,201	67,704	11,871		
New York Central	1,165	18,553	885	23,733	9,203	9,373	6,672	8,003	4,411	25,762	108.3	1,191,883	8,559	1,208		
Pittsburgh, Chicago & St. Louis	233	1,098,302	47,938	1,182,816	84,264	361,862	26,227	449,115	66,173	1,033,957	123,725	1,033,957	67.9	759,936	50,168	518,379
New York, Chicago & St. Louis	1,169	2,651,897	1,175,729	22,170	419,978	22,170	103,662	103,662	1,043	1,043	1,043	44,881	146,520	110,106	150,517	
New York, New Haven & Hartford	3,170,291	1,906,156	5,227,979	72,313	87,034	8,082	24,041	24,041	1,043	24,041	1,043	44,881	146,520	110,106	150,517	
New York Connecting	20	218,290	1,166	1,175,729	72,313	87,034	8,082	24,041	24,041	1,043	24,041	1,043	44,881	146,520	110,106	150,517

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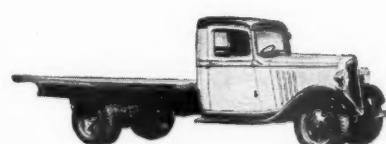
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## Revenues and Expenses of Railways

MONTH OF JANUARY OF CALENDAR YEAR 1935—CONTINUED

Name of road	Av. mileage operated during period	Operating revenues			Operating expenses			Operating ratio	Net from railway operation	Net railway operating income	Net railway operating income, 1934
		Freight	Passenger (inc. misc.)	Total	Maintenance of equipment	Traffic	Transportation				
New York, Ontario & Western	567	\$832,152	\$6,929	\$839,063	\$64,692	\$3,476,764	\$29,880	24.65%	\$621,416	69.8	\$117,318
Norfolk & Western	2,181	5,454,183	143,675	5,597,756	122,375	1,26,528	1,490,187	298,890	67.5	1,881,207	1,192,666
Norfolk Southern	932	305,840	9,053	333,100	55,049	53,335	12,347	138,851	28,891	30,627	1,330,963
Northern Pacific	Jan.	6,722	2,887,890	259,558	3,529,071	431,718	962,061	136,252	1,811,605	369,520	245,554
Northwestern Pacific-Ada-Aitka	Jan.	105,634	64,288	201,513	36,665	47,469	44,456	141,53	141,14	243,261	68,683
Oklahoma City-Ada-Aitka	Jan.	375	34,283	324	3,778	1,045	657	10,808	1,956	18,244	16,146
Pennsylvania Railroad	10,470	20,872,514	5,153,370	29,049,287	2,566,525	5,914,232	605,645	11,023,177	1,995,935	22,511,141	107.0
Long Island	396	479,769	1,243,790	1,811,256	340,850	111,363	975,290	90,403	1,729,502	95.5	4,940,114
Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines	Jan.	409	229,321	91,048	338,062	99,391	82,618	6,678	278,894	38,125	168,232
Pere Marquette	Jan.	2,151	2,107,192	64,637	2,268,488	219,820	472,862	60,883	849,000	88,863	466,210
Pittsburgh & Shawmut	Jan.	101	557	61,394	557	61,394	1,462	20,130	5,117	5,642	9,245
Pittsburgh & West Virginia	Jan.	138	231,999	.....	243,160	18,335	12,886	52,564	16,500	164,501	67.7
Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern	Jan.	190	77,246	285,666	4,606,693	328,907	879,411	72,743	1,833,671	293,311	1,176,249
Reading, Frederickburg & Potomac-C. & O.	Jan.	117	236,577	194,647	528,245	483,342	12,072	233,745	43,713	34,304,444	52,772
Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac	Jan.	507	163,025	38,342	251,978	54,646	63,409	10,811	1,431,845	14,473	90.0
St. Louis-San Francisco & Arizona Eastern	Jan.	523	2,22,493	218,857	3,027,509	1,241,24	80,912	99,727	216,837	2,869,658	144,957
Ft. Worth & Rio Grande	Jan.	2,1407	1,407	30,290	10,787	9,434	2,909	24,143	5,342	52,601	173.7
St. Louis, San Francisco & Texas	Jan.	261	61,942	452	16,299	1,245,563	22,206	71,383	4,378	8,660	92,055
St. Louis, Southwestern Lines	Jan.	1,786	1,175,252	600,208	6,589,007	80,235	189,297	415,022	59,660	869,371	62,750
San Diego & Arizona Eastern	Jan.	155	3,877	36,270	10,345	8,400	2,998	18,239	4,817	44,665	123.1
Seaboard Air Line	Jan.	4,307	2,170,379	402,555	2,869,910	402,065	596,246	138,623	1,101,988	196,027	2,480,387
Alabama Great Southern	Jan.	315	5,290,326	600,208	6,589,007	81,075	1,277,164	148,519	2,602,788	251,026	5,205,891
Southern Ry.	Jan.	6,644	5,290,326	61,078	380,847	81,075	101,940	10,903	139,195	14,538	331,101
Cinn., New Orleans & Texas Pacific	Jan.	892,102	81,072	1,037,791	161,858	201,784	23,933	281,894	36,670	714,484	86.4
Georgia Southern & Florida	Jan.	397	90,409	141,347	141,347	167,609	1,096	1,58	1,582	144,674	102.4
New Orleans & Northeastern	Jan.	204	138,086	15,086	28,352	35,579	5,704	63,465	8,568	143,248	85.5
Northern Alabama	Jan.	99	42,129	1,1653	45,324	12,242	1,484	1,139	16,087	1,714	32,666
So. Pac. Steamship Lines	Jan.	8,790	6,383,570	1,336,554	8,627,720	905,103	1,674,791	255,419	3,419,940	571,268	7,025,050
Spokane, Portland & Seattle	Jan.	552	286,724	33,998	352,652	24,940	28,486	5,497	65,937	17,978	445,137
Tennessee Central	Jan.	286	172,908	6,377	190,601	24,940	28,486	5,184	138,119	21,712	2,337,92
Texas & New Orleans	Jan.	4,444	2,133,722	216,304	2,671,464	367,909	529,854	111,830	999,508	207,318	2,237,792
Texas Mexican & Western	Jan.	1,949	1,404,920	153,624	1,765,429	202,517	324,728	67,867	578,479	136,916	1,329,493
Toledo, Peoria & Western	Jan.	1,162	1,128,356	112,961	8,149,910	23,641	1,096	3,298	4,968	6,390	12,669
Union Pacific	Jan.	3,629	4,030,960	413,124	4,887,664	320,065	1,239,156	118,803	1,785,355	367,332	3,905,376
Oregon Short Line, R. R. & Nav. Co.	Jan.	2,504	1,502,718	101,351	1,714,899	115,999	30,808	31,187	616,412	121,514	1,210,989
St. Joseph & Grand Island	Jan.	239	112,961	8	114,903	23,641	8,186	5,186	7,593	71,016	81.0
Los Angeles & Salt Lake	Jan.	1,234	1,075,100	131,343	1,304,793	124,014	226,427	48,729	414,071	69,823	127,595
Utah Joseph	Jan.	111	115,279	.....	116,461	12,744	24,379	513	27,618	5,953	71,187
Virginiaian	Jan.	619	1,243,666	193,122	1,298,899	90,570	228,612	16,809	235,867	1,341,490	47.2
Wabash	Jan.	2,447	2,820,657	192,213	3,229,136	312,623	57,379	11,216	128,780	16,732	612,702
Ann Arbor	Jan.	293	274,341	2,679	283,766	20,159	58,217	24,379	235,113	82.9	297,555
Western Maryland	Jan.	883	1,218,821	211,39	1,245,829	306,035	36,073	337,243	48,377	51,121	351,052
Western Pacific	Jan.	1,213	850,092	25,116	1,914,829	121,709	156,339	53,357	384,277	87,052	352,918
Wheeling & Lake Erie	Jan.	511	1,027,147	1,15,338	1,080,237	96,049	31,253	29,111	45,564	80,509	38,074
Wichita Falls & Southern	Jan.	203	1,34,700	1,34,700	8,38,391	8,438	6,390	1,3,585	4,329	21,116	1,477

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## Freight Operating Statistics of Large Steam Railways—Selected Items for the Month of December,

Region, road, and year	Average miles of road operated	Train-miles	Locomotive-miles		Car-miles		Ton-miles (thousands)			Average number of locomotives on line		
			Principal and helper	Light	Loaded (thousands)	Per cent loaded	Gross Excluding locomotives and tenders	Net Revenue and non-revenue	Servicable	Unserviceable	Per cent unserviceable	Stored
New England Region:												
Boston & Albany.....	1934	402	123,973	128,581	8,833	2,825	65.5	154,095	51,854	53	42	44.3
	1933	402	128,995	133,601	8,831	2,881	68.1	150,257	50,393	66	37	36.3
Boston & Maine.....	1934	2,016	256,525	285,044	27,770	8,241	68.8	450,065	170,532	98	184	65.1
	1933	2,059	254,679	287,369	26,334	7,833	67.1	434,867	160,929	130	156	54.5
N. Y., New H. & Hartf.....	1934	2,045	329,270	398,742	19,010	9,852	65.3	546,407	198,240	217	138	38.8
	1933	2,044	321,258	391,232	19,360	9,568	65.2	525,157	195,250	199	160	44.6
Great Lakes Region:												
Delaware & Hudson.....	1934	848	206,319	278,586	31,659	6,744	60.5	432,388	196,620	250	27	9.7
	1933	848	208,904	278,409	31,503	6,414	59.7	415,445	188,602	246	31	11.2
Del., Lack. & Western.....	1934	992	332,443	371,334	48,886	10,056	64.7	597,293	233,016	185	87	31.9
	1933	998	343,111	381,154	48,965	9,892	64.7	593,415	237,830	193	64	25.1
Erie (incl. Chi. & Erie).....	1934	2,305	607,760	643,223	41,371	24,205	63.5	1,491,249	569,580	322	167	34.1
	1933	2,315	602,152	629,174	45,862	23,771	62.8	1,470,189	564,848	324	169	34.3
Grand Trunk Western.....	1934	1,007	194,340	196,712	2,303	4,848	58.8	302,917	102,428	64	75	53.8
	1933	1,008	197,096	198,505	2,590	4,470	58.3	278,786	93,036	68	80	54.0
Lehigh Valley.....	1934	1,335	377,368	399,232	38,107	10,683	63.3	681,096	279,896	194	118	37.8
	1933	1,335	370,486	387,574	38,541	10,289	62.9	643,738	264,462	171	146	46.1
Michigan Central.....	1934	1,961	384,342	385,473	16,587	11,794	59.9	710,102	230,753	131	55	29.6
	1933	1,957	329,890	331,238	13,158	9,674	61.2	576,101	200,951	135	53	28.3
New York Central.....	1934	6,408	1,398,432	1,487,712	112,464	46,693	59.8	3,033,368	1,261,256	553	454	45.1
	1933	6,411	1,389,720	1,484,908	107,756	47,298	58.7	3,081,617	1,267,385	566	576	50.4
New York, Chi. & St. L. ....	1934	1,661	454,832	458,390	4,914	13,801	61.2	839,649	304,110	138	42	23.1
	1933	1,660	455,881	463,105	4,718	13,100	60.2	797,329	285,996	131	60	31.5
Pere Marquette.....	1934	2,152	314,068	329,423	2,848	7,266	59.2	476,879	184,355	115	43	27.1
	1933	2,218	309,557	316,884	2,805	6,630	58.5	437,475	168,030	117	56	32.3
Pitts. & Lake Erie.....	1934	234	57,894	59,972	48	2,185	56.4	179,941	95,207	38	33	45.9
	1933	234	62,967	65,282	1,095	2,401	56.3	200,870	108,309	30	40	57.1
Wabash.....	1934	2,435	536,005	545,877	11,018	14,982	61.2	910,973	297,873	163	169	50.9
	1933	2,445	498,416	506,405	9,908	13,912	61.2	829,822	270,071	168	171	50.4
Central Eastern Region:												
Baltimore & Ohio.....	1934	6,321	1,229,094	1,476,603	150,780	33,505	59.0	2,328,177	1,018,453	774	541	41.1
	1933	6,263	1,201,711	1,464,785	158,915	32,564	58.1	2,283,384	998,066	716	618	46.3
Big Four Lines.....	1934	2,653	571,672	591,670	27,156	15,625	59.8	1,046,076	472,945	194	178	47.8
	1933	2,655	548,118	569,368	23,892	15,054	60.3	976,237	428,398	201	160	44.3
Central of New Jersey.....	1934	690	139,510	156,586	30,928	4,546	57.4	327,579	156,341	70	95	57.4
	1933	690	137,231	150,730	24,913	4,204	56.6	302,131	143,978	101	71	41.0
Chicago & Eastern Ill. ....	1934	939	172,769	173,814	2,832	3,638	60.5	254,652	113,222	50	59	54.3
	1933	939	172,292	173,349	2,938	3,496	59.1	244,274	106,326	63	109	63.4
Elgin, Joliet & Eastern.....	1934	446	80,907	81,906	777	1,694	57.6	136,959	66,619	62	26	29.9
	1933	446	77,949	78,589	1,162	1,610	59.4	127,565	63,962	66	23	25.4
Long Island.....	1934	393	30,696	31,666	14,163	290	53.8	22,079	9,169	37	24	39.3
	1933	396	28,167	28,749	13,060	266	52.8	20,332	8,118	34	21	38.5
Pennsylvania System.....	1934	9,994	2,368,265	2,648,484	303,317	79,723	60.8	5,400,734	2,381,520	1,405	1,031	42.3
	1933	10,082	2,431,468	2,726,887	292,945	79,319	60.9	5,345,548	2,331,183	1,538	906	37.1
Reading.....	1934	1,453	389,245	423,426	48,285	10,728	58.1	804,881	388,539	267	100	27.3
	1933	1,454	381,461	416,788	46,181	9,979	57.9	74,283	359,419	257	111	30.2
Pocahontas Region:												
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	1934	3,078	746,963	787,776	31,654	29,158	55.5	2,492,440	1,342,197	435	98	18.3
	1933	3,112	723,125	760,317	30,193	27,900	55.4	2,369,624	1,270,380	459	210	31.3
Norfolk & Western.....	1934	2,164	531,018	553,861	25,504	18,989	59.8	1,513,312	800,712	358	37	9.4
	1933	2,163	510,505	530,103	23,535	17,410	60.5	1,435,574	762,708	409	56	12.1
Southern Region:												
Atlantic Coast Line.....	1934	5,148	522,888	523,726	7,209	10,012	59.3	551,462	181,418	301	151	33.5
	1933	5,145	547,034	547,805	6,093	10,367	59.8	574,453	194,759	353	129	26.7
Central of Georgia.....	1934	1,886	207,085	207,784	3,140	4,129	66.7	232,815	86,136	105	37	25.8
	1933	1,886	189,477	190,309	3,534	3,743	66.4	206,770	75,119	103	38	27.1
Ill. Cent. (incl. Y. & M. V.).....	1934	6,579	1,387,592	1,394,184	26,771	30,245	58.8	2,081,214	867,143	598	331	35.6
	1933	6,640	1,236,644	1,251,474	22,451	26,372	57.9	1,808,138	733,623	595	339	36.3
Louisville & Nashville.....	1934	5,049	919,937	984,758	25,771	18,770	59.6	1,320,065	628,411	326	257	44.1
	1933	5,102	862,169	919,698	23,538	17,481	58.9	1,223,394	575,677	344	296	46.2
Seaboard Air Line.....	1934	4,295	447,114	456,336	2,909	10,239	61.9	605,258	209,838	184	87	32.1
	1933	4,298	447,843	455,213	3,639	10,171	63.5	599,072	214,340	218	73	25.1
Southern.....	1934	6,599	1,037,266	1,051,552	17,659	21,649	62.8	1,262,838	481,926	567	285	33.4
	1933	6,602	1,012,592	1,025,427	16,677	21,080	63.9	1,199,606	451,293	665	253	27.6
Northwestern Region:												
Chi. & North Western.....	1934	8,428	829,764	877,865	21,406	20,197	61.9	1,257,491	424,137	562	268	32.2
	1933	8,443	863,629	896,831	19,433	19,475	60.9	1,206,345	438,194	578	239	29.3
Chicago Great Western.....	1934	1,456	227,546	228,179	8,808	6,060	56.8	393,725	135,127	64	36	35.8
	1933	1,463	202,249	203,749	14,532	5,672	56.6	366,111	123,030	66	33	33.7
Chi., Milw., St. P. & Pac. ....	1934	11,152	1,161,506	1,220,910	58,320	26,821	58.7	1,734,623	680,528	494	266	35.1
	1933	11,195	1,040,530	1,092,032	47,434	24,196	60.3	1,540,707	613,492	566	314	35.7
Chi., St. P., Minneap. & Om. ....	1934	1,644	200,789	208,534	10,259	3,892	60.7	247,252	97,748	113	45	28.5
	1933	1,653	196,577	201,399	9,350	3,759	65.7	230,825	91,802	123	33	21.3
Great Northern.....	1934	8,302	625,256	657,806	22,011	18,657	64.9	1,135,220	453,381	427	175	29.0
	1933	8,333	586,046	590,841	18,812	15,274	67.1	940,909	401,382	437	166	27.6
Minneapolis, St. P. & St. M. ....	1934	4,274	337,733	342,500	2,087	6,500	62.6	371,864	144,239	110	45	28.9
	1933	4,281	316,160	319,768	2,139	5,800	65.2	335,202	137,108	123	41	25.2
Northern Pacific.....	1934	6,										

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Region, road, and year	Average number of freight cars on line			Gross ton-miles per train-hour, excluding locomotives and service tenders						Net ton-miles per train-mile			Net ton-miles per car-mile			Net ton-miles per car-day			Pounds of coal per 1,000 gross ton-miles including locomotives and tenders		
	Home	Foreign	Total	Per cent un- service- able	train- hour	train-mile	Net ton- miles per train- tender	Net ton- miles per train- mile	Net ton- miles per car- tender	Car- miles per car- day	Net ton- miles per car- day	Car- miles per car- day	Net ton- miles per car- day	Car- miles per car- day	Net ton- miles per car- day	Car- miles per car- day	Net ton- miles per car- day	Car- miles per car- day	Loco- motive miles per locomo- tive-day		
New England Region:																					
Boston & Albany.....	1934	2,949	3,623	6,572	25.7	20,684	1,243	418	18.4	255	21.2	4,164	178	46.5							
	1933	3,440	3,381	6,821	27.7	19,714	1,165	391	17.5	238	20.0	4,046	181	44.4							
Boston & Maine.....	1934	8,632	6,376	15,008	14.8	24,140	1,754	665	20.7	367	25.8	2,729	119	35.8							
	1933	9,101	7,071	16,172	16.3	23,978	1,708	632	20.5	321	23.3	2,522	125	35.3							
N. Y., New H. & Hartf.....	1934	16,180	10,293	26,473	13.6	24,330	1,659	602	20.1	242	18.4	3,127	119	37.9							
	1933	15,976	10,217	26,193	11.4	23,584	1,635	608	20.4	240	18.1	3,081	126	36.9							
Great Lakes Region:																					
Delaware & Hudson.....	1934	10,969	2,753	13,722	4.5	28,283	2,096	953	29.2	462	26.2	7,477	118	36.1							
	1933	11,330	2,522	13,852	3.6	25,125	1,989	903	29.4	439	25.0	7,172	129	36.1							
Del., Lack. & Western.....	1934	16,701	4,444	21,145	11.7	29,210	1,797	701	23.2	355	23.7	7,578	161	49.8							
	1933	17,451	4,480	21,931	12.2	25,060	1,730	693	24.0	350	22.5	7,686	169	53.9							
Erie (incl. Chi. & Erie).....	1934	26,945	11,218	38,163	7.1	39,941	2,454	937	23.5	481	32.2	7,971	110	45.2							
	1933	32,985	11,785	44,770	5.2	37,989	2,442	938	23.8	407	27.3	7,870	111	44.2							
Grand Trunk Western.....	1934	5,497	6,813	12,310	15.4	28,464	1,559	527	21.1	268	21.6	3,282	113	46.2							
	1933	6,231	7,306	13,537	19.9	27,180	1,414	472	20.8	222	18.3	2,976	108	44.0							
Lehigh Valley.....	1934	17,723	5,390	23,113	26.3	31,884	1,805	742	26.2	391	23.5	6,761	153	45.2							
	1933	18,101	5,782	23,883	19.7	30,326	1,738	714	25.7	357	22.1	6,391	152	43.4							
Michigan Central.....	1934	18,773	19,478	38,251	14.2	33,287	1,848	600	19.6	195	16.6	3,796	120	69.8							
	1933	21,516	17,682	39,198	10.4	32,345	1,746	609	20.8	165	13.0	3,312	126	59.3							
New York Central.....	1934	53,595	44,307	107,902	23.3	34,700	2,169	902	27.0	377	23.3	6,349	113	51.3							
	1933	66,026	56,820	122,846	24.4	34,899	2,217	912	26.8	333	21.2	6,377	112	45.0							
New York, Chi. & St. L.....	1934	9,211	6,336	15,547	4.8	33,327	1,846	669	22.0	631	46.8	5,907	106	83.1							
	1933	9,299	6,277	15,576	4.8	30,665	1,749	627	21.8	592	45.0	5,557	112	78.9							
Pere Marquette.....	1934	12,223	4,920	17,143	3.3	25,564	1,518	587	25.4	347	23.1	2,764	108	67.8							
	1933	13,784	4,706	18,490	2.8	24,238	1,413	543	25.3	293	19.8	2,444	105	59.7							
Pitts. & Lake Erie.....	1934	16,914	9,280	26,194	49.9	47,762	3,108	1,645	43.6	117	4.8	13,143	116	27.2							
	1933	15,480	10,462	25,942	30.0	43,282	3,190	1,720	45.1	135	5.3	14,951	118	30.5							
Wabash.....	1934	14,497	8,082	22,579	3.0	34,484	1,700	556	19.9	426	35.0	3,947	128	54.2							
	1933	15,547	8,086	23,633	3.1	33,974	1,665	542	19.4	369	31.0	3,563	127	49.1							
Central Eastern Region:																					
Baltimore & Ohio.....	1934	78,793	16,430	95,223	19.3	24,906	1,894	829	30.4	345	19.2	5,198	164	39.9							
	1933	84,250	16,832	101,082	20.2	24,469	1,900	831	30.7	319	17.9	5,141	169	39.3							
Big Four Lines.....	1934	14,567	22,613	37,180	14.7	31,041	1,830	827	30.3	410	22.7	5,750	127	53.7							
	1933	18,173	21,977	40,150	15.3	31,131	1,781	782	28.5	344	20.1	5,206	126	53.0							
Central of New Jersey.....	1934	14,542	8,150	22,692	30.7	28,775	2,348	1,121	34.4	222	11.3	7,330	149	36.8							
	1933	16,691	6,653	23,344	34.7	26,429	2,202	1,049	34.2	199	10.3	6,732	150	32.9							
Chicago & Eastern Ill.....	1934	3,984	2,502	6,486	10.5	25,709	1,474	655	31.1	563	29.9	3,890	135	52.4							
	1933	5,848	2,408	8,256	22.5	25,074	1,418	617	30.4	415	23.1	3,653	133	33.2							
Elgin, Joliet & Eastern.....	1934	8,740	2,691	11,431	18.6	15,463	1,693	823	39.3	188	8.3	4,817	138	30.3							
	1933	9,502	3,821	13,323	19.0	14,629	1,657	821	39.7	155	6.6	4,626	139	28.9							
Long Island.....	1934	777	3,194	3,971	3.9	5,819	719	299	31.6	74	4.4	753	334	24.4							
	1933	781	3,067	3,848	2.1	5,543	722	288	30.5	68	4.2	661	316	24.3							
Pennsylvania System.....	1934	241,838	42,161	283,999	13.7	31,797	2,280	1,006	29.9	271	14.9	7,687	135	39.1							
	1933	243,866	44,612	288,478	12.2	31,230	2,198	959	29.4	261	14.6	7,459	140	39.9							
Reading.....	1934	33,603	8,568	42,171	8.1	26,368	2,068	998	36.2	297	14.1	8,626	161	41.4							
	1933	37,002	8,141	45,143	18.9	24,152	1,959	942	36.0	257	12.3	7,977	163	40.6							
Pocahontas Region:																					
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	1934	42,934	7,251	50,185	1.8	46,394	3,337	1,797	46.0	863	33.8	14,068	88	49.6							
	1933	45,813	7,655	53,468	1.7	45,350	3,277	1,757	45.5	766	30.4	13,169	89	47.4							
Norfolk & Western.....	1934	37,576	3,640	41,216	2.8	42,853	2,850	1,508	42.2	627	24.8	11,936	123	47.4							
	1933	41,122	3,586	44,708	3.4	42,862	2,812	1,494	43.8	550	20.8	11,376	122	38.4							
Southern Region:																					
Atlantic Coast Line.....	1934	26,677	6,403	33,080	15.7	18,443	1,055	347	18.1	177	16.5	1,137	130	37.9							
	1933	27,400	5,562	32,962	25.5	18,552	1,050	356	18.8	191	17.0	1,221	128	37.1							
Central of Georgia.....	1934	7,092	1,964	9,056	27.1	21,050	1,124	416	20.9	307	22.0	1,474	139	47.9							
	1933	7,608	1,895	9,503	26.0	19,968	1,091	396	20.1	255	19.1	1,285	135	44.4							
Ill. Cent. (incl. Y. & M. V.).....	1934	51,237	13,700	64,937	40.6	25,234	1,500	625	28.7	431	25.5	4,252	150	49.4							
	1933	53,326	12,375	65																	



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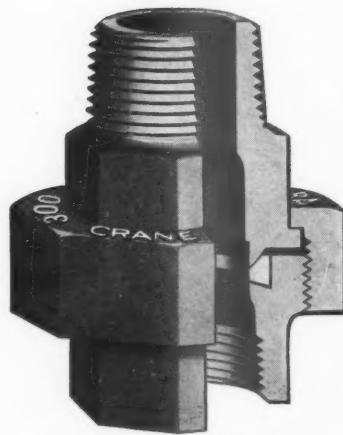


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